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TWENTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY FIRST SESSION

At a Session *of the* Councill & General Assembly *began at the City Hall of the City of* New York, *on* Tuesday *the eighth day of* November, 1743.

His Excellency the Governour having been pleased to dissolve the late General Assembly on the 27th of September last & to order Writts to be issued the same day for electing Members to serve in a new one returnable this day

The Councill met accordingly

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
HENRY LANE,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

His Excellency having been informed that a Majority of the Representatives were met in the Assembly Chamber

His Excellency the Honourable George Clinton Esqr came to the Councill Chamber and sent a Message by the Deputy Clerck of the Council to the Assembly Chamber to require the Immediate attendance of the Members who are qualifyed

The said members thereupon attended accordingly

His Excellency then ordered them to return to the Assembly Chamber & Choose a Speaker and present him Immediately for his approbation

The Members thereupon left the Council Chamber & soon after returned and presented Adolph Philipse Esqr for their Speaker to his Excellency for his approbation

Which Choice his Excellency was pleased to approve of

Then the said Adolph Philipse Esqr the Speaker after a short apology for himself desired his Excellency in Behalf of the House That their words and actions might constantly have a favourable construction That the members might from time to time have free access to his

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Excellency and that they and their servants might be privileged and protected as usuall which his Excellency was pleased to grant

His Excellency then made a Speech to the Councill and General Assembly and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly

After which His Excellency left the Council Chamber & ye members returned to ye House

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that His Excellencyes Speech be read

Which being read accordingly It was further

Ord^d, that the Same be entred in the Minutes and is in the words following

Gentlemen,

"It wou'd have been very agreable to me to have embarqued for my Government soon after "his Majesty was graciously pleased to honour me with his Royall Commission, but the Affairs "of this province as well as my own rendered that Impracticable

"I am now come amongst you Gentlemen with such favourable Impressions of the people you "represent, that it shall be my Chief Study, by every proper method to deserve your Good-Will "and meritt your esteem as it shall be my constant endeavour to discharge the Trust reposed in "me by a steady adherence to the principles of Justice and a due regard to the Establish'd "rights & privileges of the peoples, Consistent with the known Prerogative of the Crown: and "I am persuaded from your Loyalty to his Majesty, whose natural affection Extends to the "Remotest of his Subjects, and his glorious zeal in maintaining the Liberties of Europe, have "justly rendered him the Darling of his own people, and gained him the Immortal Title of the "Deliverer of others, and likewise from your wanted Regard to the Honour & Reputation of "the Province; that you will not fail of answering his Royal Expectations and my reasonable "hopes in Granting a Revenue for the suport of his Government, in as ample a manner and for "a term as long as has heretofore usually been given under any of my predecessors, Governors "in Chief of this province

"The short time I have been with you has not permitted me minutely to Examine into the "State of your fortifications, the security & well maintaining of which has (since my arrival) "been strongly recommended to me by his Majesty; and I cannot doubt but the present critical "juncture of the affairs of Europe, will induce you to exert your utmost care in points of so "great and general Importance, And as you are indebted to the bountifull care of his Majesty "for a late large supply of warlike stores, it will be incumbent upon you to shew your "thankfulness by making immediate provision for the purchase of such others, as in the "Judgment of our Superiors ought to be had at the proper Charge and Expence of the province

I understand and am thorougly convinced of the great consequence it is to the British Interest on this Continent in General, as well as to this Province in particular, to secure the friendship and dependance of the Six Nations of Indians, and to cement if possible into a firm union with each other all those who are in alliance with any other of his Majesties Provinces You will therefore find me heartily disposed with your assistance to put my Intentions on this Head in Execution as soon as the Season for a general Treaty will permit

The opinion I entertain of his Majestyes Subjects in this province forbids me to think they will suffer the usual place of their Governours residence, to lye longer in the Ruins to which the late unhappy Fire has reduced it I cannot but sensibly feel the Inconveniencies that from hence arise to me and my family. If therefore some regard to them, Joined to that which the dignity of the Government requires at your hands can prevail on you to take this matter into your immediate consideration, it will redound very much to your Honour and my Ease

Having taken notice before my departure from England, that this Province contrary to the custom of most others in America, is intirely uprovided with any agents for negotiating the publick affairs of the Colony at the Court of Great Britain I cannot on this occasion omit mentioning to you the necessity there is of an appointment of some proper persons for this End, and of Establishing such a reasonable allowance for their Service, as may induce them to exert themselves with Vigilance & Care in whatever may contribute to ye welfare or affect the publick Interest of the province

I desire you Gentlemen to be assured Nothing in my power shall be wanting to demonstrate my real regard and attachment to the Interest of this Colony; I will endeavour to convince you of the sincerity of my Intentions by the uprightness of my actions; and shall always be well pleased with my administration when I know it stands approved by the general voice of the people

GEO CLINTON

Ordered, that His Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed

The Honble James De Lancey Esqr moved that an Humble address be presented to his Excellency to congratulate him on his safe arrival with his family into this province

To Express the gratefull sence we have of his Majestyes affection to his people & his zeal for the Liberty of Europe in Exposing his Sacred person to the greatest Dangers

To return his Excellency our Thanks for the favourable sentiments he has been pleased to express concerning the people of this province & to assure him that we will chearfully contribute every thing in our power that may best conduce to the Honor of His Government, the ease of his administration and the welfare of the people

Resolved, that an Humble Address be presented accordingly

Ordered, that the Honb^le Cadwallader Colden, James De Lancey & Daniel Horsmanden Esq^rs be a Committee to draw up the said address

Then the Councill adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

Wednesday, Novr 9th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADW^r COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DAN^l HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Honb^le James De Lancey Esqr from Comēe appointed to draw up the address to his Excellency presented to the Council a Draught of the said Address

Ordered, that the same be now read

Then the same was read & being approved of the s^d Draught was ordered to be Engrossed

The said Address having been engrossed was read & ordered to be signed by the Speaker

Ordered, that the Hōnble Archibald Kennedy & Henry Lane Esq^rs do wait on His Excellency & know his pleasure when he will be attended with the said Address

The Honble Archibald Kennedy and Henry Lane Esq^rs withdrew & being returned reported that they had attended his Excellency with the above message and that he was pleased to appoint to morrow morning Eleven of the clock

Then the Councill adjourned till to morrow morning nine of the clock

Thursday, Novr 10th, 1744. (sic)

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Then the Speaker with the Council went up to his Excellencyes to present their address & being returned

The Speaker reasumed the Chair

The Hōnble Cadwallader Colden Esqr reported to the Council that Having attended his Excellency with their Address he was pleased to return a very favourable answer to it, which he reported in his place

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entred in the Minutes and are in the words following

To His Excellency The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Esqr Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America and vice Admiral of the same &c

The Humble ADDRESS of his Majestyes Council for the Province of New York

May it please your Excellency

Wee his Majestyes most dutifull and Loyal subjects the members of the Council for this Province Joyfully congratulate your Excellency's safe arrival in your Government with your Lady and Family

We, and we are perswaded the people of this Province are most sensibly affected by the numerous manifest Proofs His Majesty has given of his affection to his People and of his zeal for the Liberty of mankind lately most evidently demonstrated in his Exposing his sacred person to the greatest Dangers in defence of the Liberty of Europe and we are satisfyed the people of this province take his Majestyes appointing your Excellency Govr in Chief as an Instance of his Royal Favour to them. Your Excellencyes immediate descent from that Antient Noble Family which has distinguished itself through many generations by their Loyalty, Courage, Probity and benevolence, together with your Excellencies past life in the service of your King and Country, shew his Majestyes gracious Intention in sending your Excellency to govern us

It is with the highest satisfaction we observe the favourable sentiments your Excellency has been pleased to express concerning the people of this Province ; we look upon it as a happy Presage of that Harmony and good agreement which we trust will subsist between the several Branches of the Legislature

As we cannot doubt of the uprightness of your Excellencyes declaration in the assurances you have been pleased to give us of your steady adherence to the principles of Justice and of your regard to ye Rights and priviledges of the people so neither can we doubt but that they will make such dutiful returns as his Majestyes most gracious favours to them require and your Excellencye's personal merit deserves

We do assure your Excellency that the matters you have recommended to us for the safety and prosperity of the Colony shall be the subject of our most serious consideration and as you will endeavour to make us a happy and Flourishing people so we of his Majestyes Council will on our part contribute everything in our power which may best conduce to the Honour of your Government the Ease of your administration and the welfare of the people.

By order of the Council

CADW^r COLDEN Speaker

His Excellencyes Answer to ye s^d Address

Gentlemen,

I return you my Thanks for the Joy you Express on my safe arrival with my family into this Government

The grateful sence you have of his Majestyes affection to his people and his zeal for the Libertyes of Europe in exposing his most sacred person to the greatest Dangers cannot fail of recommending you to his Favour and is highly acceptable to me

You may rely on the assurances I have given, as I cannot have a greater pleasure than to see the people of this province flourishing & happy during my administration.

GEO CLINTON

Ordered, that the said Address & Answer be forthwith printed

Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 11 of the clock

Tuesday, November the 15th, 1743

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCH^d KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DA^l HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Then ye Council adjourned till Fryday morning 11 of the clock

Fryday, Novr 18th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE DANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DAN^{l} HORSMANDEN, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the Assembly by Mr Richard & Mr Haasbrook with the Bill Entituled, An Act to Let to Farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the 1st day of Novr 1743 to the first day of November 1744 desiring the concurrence of the Council therewith
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the first time
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered to be read a second time
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

Saturday, Novr 19th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DA^{l} HORSMANDEN, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, An Act to Let to Farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of November 1743 to the first day of November 1744 be now read a second time
Then the said Bill was read the second time & committed to the Gentleman of the Council or any three of them
The Council resolved themselves into a Comittee to consider of the said Bill
The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same
The Speaker resumed the Chair
Ordered, that the said Report be now made
The Honble Danl Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Comittee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that they had gone through the same and had directed him to report it without any amendment
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of
Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time
Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 of the clock

Tuesday, Novr 22^{d}, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHIL CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DAN^{ll} HORSMANDEN, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning ten of the clock

*Wednesday, Nov*r 23d, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DAl HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, An Act to Let to Farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of Novr 1743 to the first day of November 1744 be now read a third time
Then the said Bill was read the third time &
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass
Ordered, that the Hōnble Danl Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have past the said Bill without any amendmt
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of ye clock

*Thursday, Nov*r 24th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DAl HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the Assembly by Coll Schuyler & Mr Glen with the Bill Entituled, An Act further to fortify the City of Albany and Town of Schenectade and for raising the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds to defray the Expence thereof desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said Bill be now read
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered to be read a second time
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

*Fryday, Nov*r 25th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DAl HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, An Act further to fortify the City of Albany and Town of Schenectade and for raising the sum of four hundred & fifty pounds to defray the Expence thereof, be now read the second time
Then the said Bill was read the second time &
Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them
The Council resolved into a Committee to consider of the said Bill
The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the s^d^ Report be now made

Then the Hōnble Da^l^ Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the same & had directed him to report it without any amendm^t^

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time

Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 of the clock

*Tuesday, Novr 29th*, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournm^t^

PRESENT — *The Honble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esq, Speaker,

HENRY LANE,
DA^l^ HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs^.

A Message from the Assembly by Col^l^ Moore & Col^l^ Schuyler with the Bill Entituled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Nicholl & Mr Van Horne with the Bill Entituled, An Act for regulating prosecutions by Informations desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the Assembly by Cap^n^ Livingston & M^r^ Le Count with the Bill Entituled, An Act for the further continuance of An Act Entitled, An Act for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony by Granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned from the first Day of December 1740 to the first Day of December 1741 desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bills be now read

Then the said Bills were severally read the first time &

Ordered, to be read ye 2^d^ time

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act further to fortify the City of Albany and Town of Schenectade and for raising the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds to defray the Expence thereof be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble Da^l^ Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendm^t^

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of ye clock

*Wednesday, Novr 30th*, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
HENRY LANE,
DA^l^ HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for the further continuance of An Act Entitled, An Act for & towards supporting the Government of this Colony by Granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned from the first day of Decr 1740 to the first day of Decr 1741 be now read ye second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time & committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

The Councill resolved themselves into a Comēe to consider of the said Bill

The Comittee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Hõnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr in his place reported that the Comittee had gone through the said Bill & had directed him to report the same without any amendm^t

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, An Act for the better Regulating the Militia be now read a second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time & Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for regulating Prosecutions by Informations be now read a second time

Then the said Bill was read a second time &

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

Thursday, Decr 1st.

The Councill met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
HENRY LANE,
DA^l HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for the further continuance of An Act Entitled, An Act for & towards Supporting the Government of this Colony by Granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned from the first day of Decr 1740 to the first day of Decr 1741 be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hõnble Da^l Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment

The Memorial & petition of Richard Bradley Esqr his Majesties Attorney General for this province was presented to the Board & Read setting forth That he was informed that the General Assembly had passed a Bill for Regulating prosecutions by Information & had sent the same to the Council for their concurrence That a Bill of the like Nature had been declared void by his Majesty in Cõuncil. That he conceived according to the Information he had rece'd that the present Bill would be of prejudice to his Majestyes Interest if passed and therefore praying a copy thereof and that he might be heard ag^t the same before it passed into a Law

Ordered, that a copy of the said Bill be forthwith delivered to Mr Attorney General and that he be heard against the said Bill to morrow before the Committee

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Haasbrook & Mr Thomas with the Bill Entitled, An Act to divide the Southern parts of the County of Ulster into precincts, and to Enable the Corporation of Kingston and the mannor of Fox Hall to chuse and elect one Supervisor more and for regulating the Supervisors and Assessors within the said County Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read a second time

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

Fryday, December 2d, 1743

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DAl HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the chair

The Bill Entitled, An Act to divide the southern parts of the County of Ulster into precincts and to enable the Corporation of Kingston and the mannor of Fox Hall to chuse and Elect one Supervisor more and for regulating the Supervisors and Assessors within the said County was read the second time & referred to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Hônble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the same & directed him to report it without any amendmt

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of

Ordered, that the said Bills be read the third time

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, An Act for regulating prosecutions by Information

The Committee being informed that his Majesties Attorney General & Mr Murray of Council with him attended without in order to being heard agt the said Bill

They were called in & heard agt the said Bill & then withdrew

The Committee taking into consideration the said Bill & having made some progress therein directed the Chairman to move for leave to sit again

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Hônble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the afd Bill was referred in his place reported that they had heard Council agt the said Bill and had afterwards made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

Ordered, that they have leave accordingly

His Excellency attended as usual came to the Council Chamber and being there seated sent a Message by the Deputy Clerk of the Council to the General Assembly requiring their Immediate attendance at the Council Chamber

The General Assembly attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Excellency gave his assent to the three following Bills passed this Session vizt

1 An Act for the further continuance of An Act Entitled, An Act for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned from the first day of December 1740 to the first day of December 1741

2 An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of Novr 1743 to the first day of November 1744

3 An Act further to fortify the City of Albany and Town of Schenegtade and for raising the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds to defray the expence thereof

Then the said Acts were published at the City Hall in the usual manner & his Excelleney returned to his Residence

The Council returned to the Council Chamber &

Adjourned till Tuesday morning Eleven of the clock

Tuesday, Decr 6th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT— *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

HENRY LANE,
DAl HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Capn Livingston & Mr Nicol with the Bill Entitled, An Act to prevent Firing the Woods in Suffolk County Dutchess County and Mannor of Livingston acquainting the Council that the Assembly had passed the same and desired their concurrence therewith

A Message from the Assembly by Coll Chambers and Mr Haasbrook with the Bill Entitled, An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Ulster, acquainting the Council that the Assembly had passed the same and desiring their Concurrence

A Message from the Assembly by Coll Beekman and Mr Tappen with the Bill Entituled, An Act to Enable the Justices of the peace of Dutchess County to build a Court House and Goal or to enlarge and repair the old one acquainting the Council that the Assembly had passed the same and desiring their Concurrence

Ordered, that the Said Bills be now read the first time

Then the said Bills were severally read the first time &

Ordered to be read a second time

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Jones & Mr Abraham Lott with the Bill Entitled, An Act for the more speedy Recovery of Legacyes within this Colony acquainting the Council that the Assembly had passed the same & desiring their Concurrence

A Message from the Assembly by Coll Beekman & Mr Tappen with the Bill Entituled, An Act for the better Relief of the poor in Dutchess County desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Ludlow & Mr Gale with the Bill Entituled, An Act for Lessening the Reward for killing & destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the County of Orange desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bills be read the first time

Then the said Bills were read & severally

Ordered to be read a second time

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Ludlow & Mr Gale with the Bill Entituled, An Act to Enable the Inhabitants of Goshen in the County of Orange to Elect two additional Constables at the places therein mentioned desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the Assembly by Coll Philipse & Mr Renselaer with the Bill Entitled, An Act for Limiting the continuance of the General Assemblys of this Colony desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Glen & Mr Tappen with the Bill Entitled, An Act in addition to the Act Entitled, An Act for the better clearing Regulating & further laying out publick High Roads in the City & County of Albany desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the sd Bills be now read

Then the said Bills were severally read the first time &

Ordered to be read the second time

The Council adjourned till eleven of the clock to morrow morning

Wednesday, Decr 7th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DAl HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to prevent Firing the Woods in Suffolk County Dutchess County and Mannor of Livingston be now read the 2d time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Ulster be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time & committed

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to Enable the Justices of the peace in Dutchess County to build a Court House and Goal or to Enlarge & repair the old one be now read ye second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for the better Relief of the poor in Dutchess County be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for lessening the Reward for killing & destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the County of Orange be now read ye 2^d^ time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for the more speedy recovery of Legacyes within this Colony be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered, to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for Limiting the continuance of the General Assembly of this Colony be new read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered, to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to Enable the Inhabitants of Goshen in the County of Orange to elect two additional Constables at the places therein mentioned be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act in addition to the Act Intitled, An Act for the better clearing regulating & further laying out publick High Roads in the City and County of Albany be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered, to be committed

The Councill adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

*Thursday, Dec^r^* 8th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DA^l^ HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the following Bills to wit

A Bill Entitled, An Act to prevent Firing the Woods in Suffolk County, Dutchess County and mannor of Livingston

A Bill Entituled, An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Ulster

A Bill Entituled, An Act to Enable the Justices of the peace in Dutchess County to build a Court House and Goal or to Enlarge and repair the old one

A Bill Entituled, An Act for the better Relief of the poor in Dutchess County

A Bill Entituled, An Act for lessening the Reward for killing and destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the County of Orange

A Bill Entituled, An Act for Limiting the Continuance of the General Assembly of this Colony

A Bill Entituled, An Act to Enable the Inhabitants of Goshen in the County of Orange to elect two additional constables at the places therein mentioned

A Bill Entitled, An Act in addition to An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick High Roads in the City & County of Albany

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker reassumed the Chair

Then the Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the s^{d} Bills were referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through all the said Bills and had directed him to report them severally without any amend^{t}

Which Report on the Question being put to each of the said Bills was agreed to & approved of

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read the third time

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Richard & Mr Nicol with a Bill Entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read the second time

Then the Councill adjourned till to morrow three of the clock in the afternoon

Fryday, December the 9th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DA^{l} HORSMANDEN, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 of the clock

Tuesday, Decr 13th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DA^{l} HORSMANDEN, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Bill Entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till three of the clock in the afternoon

P^{t} Merid

The Council met according to adjournm^{t}

PRESENT as before

And adjourned till Thursday morning 10 of the clock

Thursday, Decr 15th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DA^{l} HORSMANDEN, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, An Act for the more speedy Recovery of Legacyes within this Colony

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Then the Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the same & had directed him to report the said Bill with severall amendments, which he delivered in and the same were read

And the Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the said Bill was

Ordered to be read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill with the amendm^ts^ do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble Da^l^ Horsmanden Esqr do carry the said Bill with the amendm^ts^ made thereto by the Council to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the s^d^ Bill with the s^d^ amendm^ts^ to which they desire their concurrence

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Stillwell and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prolong the Currency of Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act entitled, An "Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better support of "the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned," desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read the second time

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Hōnble Da^l^ Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Council had duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with severall amendm^ts^ which he delivered in and the same were read

And the Report and amendments on the Question being put were agreed to and approved of and the said Bill was

Ordered to be read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill & amendments were read the third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill with the amendements do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr do carry the said Bill with the amendm^ts^ to the General Assembly & acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with the amend^ts^ to which they desire their concurrence

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to prevent firing the Woods in Suffolk County, Dutchess County and Mannor of Livingston be now read the third time

As also the Bill Entitled, An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Ulster,

And the Bill Entitled, An Act to Enable the Justices of the peace in Dutchess County to build a Court House and Goal or to Enlarge & repair the old one

And the Bill Entitled, An Act for the better relief of the poor in Dutchess County

Then the said Bills were read the third time &

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that each of the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, that the Hōnble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bills without any amendm^t^

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for lessening the Reward for killing and destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the County of Orange, and the Bill Entitled, An Act to Enable the Inhabitants of Goshen in the County of Orange to elect two additional Constables at the places therein mentioned. And also the Bill Entitled, An Act in addition to An Act Entitled, An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick High Roads in the City and the County of Albany be now severally read the third time

Then the s^d^ Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that each of the said Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly have passed the said Bills without any amendment

The Council adjourned till three of the clock in the afternoon

Post Merid

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT as before

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr moved that the Council do now resolve themselves into a Comittee further to consider of the Bill Entitled, An Act for regulating Prosecutions on Informations

The Council taking into consideration the said motion

Ordered, that as the season of the year is so far advanced and the present Sessions draws near to a conclusion that the said Bill do lye upon the table. And further

Ordered, that the Judges of the Supreme Court do prepare a Draught of a Bill for regulating Prosecutions by Informations and lay the same before the Council at their next meeting

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for Limiting the continuance of the General Assemblies of this Colony be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble James De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Jones & Mr Livingston desiring the Council to acquaint that House what progress or proceedings they have made upon the Bill entitled, An Act for regulating Prosecutions on Informations pursuant to their message of the 15th Dec^{r}

The Messengers were told that an answer should be sent by one of the Council & withdrew.

Ordered, that the Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr do carry to the General Assembly a copy of the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council on that Bill

A Message from the General Assembly by M^{r} LeCount and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entitled, An Act for payment of the salaryes services and contingencies therein mentioned untill the first of September one thousand seven hundred and fourty four out of the Fonds appropriated for the support of this Government desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read the second time

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Nicoll with the Bill Entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons, and the amendm^{ts} made by the Council thereto & acquainting them that the Assembly agrees to the said amendm^{ts} and desires the Council to amend the Bill accordingly

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended & read

A Message from the Generall Assembly by Mr Jones and Mr Abraham Lott with the Bill Entitled, An Act for the more speedy Recovery of Legacies within this Colony and the amendments made thereto by the Council & acquainting them that that House has agreed to the s^{d} amendments & desire the Council to amend the Bill accordingly

Then the said Bill was amended accordingly & Read

The Council resolved themselves into a Comittee to consider of the Bill Entituled, An Act for the better regulating of the Militia

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being agreed on the Report by them to be made thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Honourable Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with several amendments which he delivered in and were read

And the Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of. And the said Bill was

Ordered to be read the third time as amended

The Councill adjourned till to morrow morning ten of ye clock

Fryday, Decr 16th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to divide the southern part of the County of Ulster into Precincts and to Enable the Corporation of Kingston and the Mannor of Fox Hall to chuse & elect one Supervisor more and for regulating the Supervisors and Assessors within the said County be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendmt

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to prolong the Currency of Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act Entitled, An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other the purposes therein mentioned

And also the Bill Entitled, An Act for payment of the salaries services and contingencies therein mentioned untill the first of September 1744 out of the Fonds appropriated for the support of this Government, be now read ye second time

Then the said Bills were severally read the second time & committed

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bills

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Honble Dal Horsmanden Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bills were referred in his place reported that the Council had duely weighed and considered of the said Bills and had directed him to report each of them without any amendmt

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that each of the said Bills be read the third time

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia be now read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass as amended

Ordered, that the Hōnble Dal Horsmanden Esqr do carry the said Bill with the amendments to the General Assembly & acquaint them that the Council have passed the sd Bill with those amendmts to which they desire ye concurrence of the General Assembly

Amendments made by the Council to the Bill Entituled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia

Ament 1. Page 3. Strike out the last Line & the twelve first Lines of Page 4.
2. " 5. Line 14 after the word (be) add the words (a freeholder)
3. " 15. Li : 1st after the word (surgeons) add the words (Millers, Ferrymen and persons employed in Furnaces for making of Iron
4. " 16. Line 20, after the word (City) add the words (Ministers of the Gospel Doctors of Physick & Surgeons only Excepted)
5. " 17. Line 6 After the word (aforesaid) add " Provided alwayes that nothing in " this Act shall Extend or be construed to Extend to the members of his " Majesties Council, the Clerk of the Council or his Deputy or their " Domestick servants, anything in this Act contained to the contrary " notwithstanding
6. the last Line 13 after the words (New York) strike out the rest of that Line and the whole 14 & 15 Lines & instead thereof incert the words (And there should not be a sufficient Quantity of Gunpowder belonging to the Government for the use and defence of the Fortifications).

Amen^t 7. the last Line 16 after the word (shall) Insert the words (By order of the Governour or Commander in Chief for the Time being or in case of his absence from the said City By order of the Lieutenant Governour if present or in his absence By order of the members of his Majestyes Council then residing there

8. " Line 17 Strike out ye word (unhappy)

9. " Line 18 Strike out ye word (might) & instead thereof insert (may)

10. " 19 Strike out ye word (might & instead thereof insert ye word (shall

11. " 20 Strike out ye word (discharge) & instead thereof insert ye words (pay for)

The Council adjourned till three of the clock in the afternoon

Post Merid

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DA^l HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^l Moore & Col^l Philipse to acquaint the Council that that House agrees to all the Amendments made to the Bill Entituled, An Act for the better Regulating the Militia Except the fourth & fifth and bringing up the said Bill with the Amendm^ts

The Messengers withdrew

Then the said Amendments were read

Resolved, that the Council do adhere to their Amendments

Ordered, that the Hōnble Henry Lane Esqr do carry the Bill Entituled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia with the amendments thereto made by the Council to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council do adhere to their amendments

The Hōnble Henry Lane Esqr went with the s^d message & being returned

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^l Moore and Mr Jones to acquaint the Council That that House cannot agree to the said fourth and fifth Amendments to the Bill Entitled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia and therefore desire a conference upon the Subject matter thereof and that they would appoint a Committee of the Council and a Time & place to meet a Committee of the Assembly for that purpose

The Messengers withdrew

Resolved, that the Hōnble James De Lancey & Daniel Horsmanden Esq^rs be managers to confer with a Committee of the General Assembly on the subject matter of the fourth and fifth Amendments And that the said Conference be Immediately in the Court House in the City Hall

Ordered, that the Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly therewith

The Council adjourned during pleasure

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr reported to the Council that the Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr & himself had met Mr Jones, Col^l Philipse, Mr Richard & Col^l Moore managers for the General Assembly at ye conference And that the said Managers had delivered to them the Reasons in writing why they could not agree to the fourth & fifth Amendments to the Bill Entitled, An Act for ye better regulating ye Militia which Reasons he delivered in to the Council & the same were read and are as follow:

Assembly Chamber Decr 16. 1743

"REASONS to be offered by the Committee of this House to the Committee of the Council "upon the Subject matter of their fourth & fifth Amendm^t to the Bill Intituled, An Act for "the better regulating the Militia why this House cannot agree to the said two Amendments

"As to the *fourth*

"For that we do not find that in any of the Militia Acts which have been passed by the "Lieut^t Governour the Council and the Generall Assembly such exception has been made in "behalf of the City of New York and therefore we conceive the present Legislature ought to "make no such exception

As to the *Fifth*

"For that we do not find that such Exceptions have been made in any of the Acts above "mentioned but that on the Contrary in An Act passed in the year 1741 the same provision

" was made as in the present Bill and therefore are of opinion that the said Legislature ought " to acquiesce with the present Bill in the Case mentioned in the said Amendment

Ordered, that the Hōnble James De Lancey & Daniel Horsmanden Esq^{rs} do prepare a Draught of the Reasons of the Council to be offered in support of the aforementioned fourth & fifth amendm^{ts} against to morrow morning

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning nine of the clock

Saturday, Decr 17th, 1743.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DA^{l} HORSMANDEN, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr laid before the Council a Draught of the Reasons to be offered in support of the fourth and fifth amendments made by the Council to the Bill Entitled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia which having been read were approved of and ordered to be given at ye Conference to be held for that purpose

Ordered, that the Hōnble James De Lancey & Da^{l} Horsmanden Esq^{rs} be managers for the Council at that Conference

Ordered, that the Hōnble Henry Lane Esqr do go to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council desire a present conference at the Court House in the City Hall on the subject matter of the last Conference and have appointed the Hōnble James De Lancey and Daniel Horsmanden Esq^{rs} to be managers for the Council at that Conference

REASONS to be offered by the Hōnble James De Lancey & Daniel Horsmanden Esq^{rs} Managers appointed in behalf of the Council to the Committee of the Assembly at a Conference upon the subject matter of the last Conference in support of the Councils fourth & fifth amendments to the Bill Entituled, An Act for the Better regulating the Militia

The fourth amendment is in the clause whereby all persons residing in the City of New York shall be and are obliged upon due warning to watch in their respective Turns under the like Fines as are inflicted on inlisted persons

The amendment of the Council is That Ministers of the Gospell, Doctors of Physick & Surgeons only shall be excepted

The Reason of the Assembly against ye amendm^{t} is " For that they do not find in any of the " Militia Acts which have been passed by the Lieut^{t} Governour the Council and the General " Assembly such Exception has been made in behalf of the City of New York and therefore " conceive that the present Legislature ought to make no such Exception

To which the Council answer

1st That if the amendment be in itself reasonable it's having been omitted in any Act passed by the Lieut^{t} Governour, the Council & Assembly can be no good cause for it's being left out of this Bill

2dly With respect to Ministers of the Gospel who are the persons first exempted by the Amendment There has and ought alwayes to be a Regard paid to their character & calling and by the Laws of all Civilized Nations they have been exempted from such like Dutyes, That upon the Regard shewn them by persons of Distinction more especially by the branches of the Legislature much of the Respect due to them from the people under their care may depend But if any part of ye Legislature should neglect them it cannot be known how much that may lessen them in the minds of the people and how much this may tend to the prejudice of Religion in General

And Lastly in the clause preceeding this the Council find that Ministers of the Gospell, Doctors of Physick & Surgeons are by the Assembly themselves Excepted in the City and County of Albany and we are much at a loss to conceive what good reason can be given why the same Indulgence should not be shewn to the Ministers of the Gospell in New York. That the Council know no cause why such invidious distinction should be made between the Ministers of the Gospel of the City & County of Albany and the City of New York so as to exempt the former from Military Watch and subject the latter thereto

With respect to Doctors & Surgeons the other persons exempted by the Amendment, as the Assembly themselves have thought it reasonable in the same preceeding Clause to exempt persons of those professions in the City and County of Albany So we conceive it alike

reasonable that those of the same profession in the City of New York should be also exempted as we do not see any difference in the two Cases.

As to the fifth Amendment

The Amendment of the Council is as follows

" Provided alwayes that nothing in this Act shall Extend or be construed to Extend to the " members of his Majesties Council, the Clerk of the Council or his Deputy or their Domestick " Servants any thing in this Act contained to the Contrary notwithstanding

The Reason of the Assembly against the Amendment is

" For that they do not find that such exceptions have been made in any of the Acts above " mentioned but that on the Contrary in An Act passed in the year 1741 the same provision " was made as in the present Bill And therefore are of Opinion that the said Legislature ought " to acquiesce in ye present Bill in the Case mentioned in the said Amendm^t

In support of their Amendment the Council first say

They suppose the Assembly must be under some mistake, For that the Council (not relying altogether on their memories) have caused search to be made in the Secretaryes office and do find That in An Act to continue An Act Entitled, An Act to Regulate the Militia of this Colony with a further addition thereto passed by the Lieut^t Governor the Council & General Assembly to which the Lieut^t Governour assented the 27th of Novr 1741 The Gentlemen of his Majestyes Council and the Clerk of the Council are expresly excepted by two clauses in page the 2^d

2dly And the Council also find that the same exemption hath been further approved by the Lieut^t Governor the Council & Assembly by An Act passed the 29th October 1742

And altho the Assembly do say That they conceive the present Legislature ought to make no such exception And that they are of opinion the said Legislature ought to acquiesce with ye present Bill, the Council do not presume to say that the Assembly ought to agree to their Amendments much less that the Legislature ought lest such a manner of Expression should seem to prescribe to the other Branches of the Legislature & derogate from that Independency which ought to be preserved Entire But as the Council do not at present think it necessary to descend into other Reasons which naturally occur upon this Occasion they hope what has been already offered will be sufficient to Induce the Assembly to agree to their Amendm^ts

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to prolong the Currency of Bills of Credit Emitted by Virtue of An Act Entitled, An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony and other the purposes therein mentioned be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered that the Bill Entitled, An Act for paym^t of the Salaries, Services and Contingencies therein mentioned untill the first of Septr 1744 out of ye Fonds appropriated for the Support of this Government be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bills without any amendment

The Council adjourned during pleasure

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr reported that the Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr & himself had met Col^l Moore, Mr Richard, Mr Van Horne & Mr Jones Managers for the General Assembly at a Conference & had delivered them the Reasons of the Council in support of the fourth & fifth Amendments made to the Bill Entitled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia

A Message from the Assembly by Col^l Moore & Mr Richard acquainting them that the Reasons given by the Council in support of their fourth & fifth Amendments to the Bill Entitled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia are not satisfactory to that House and therefore desiring a free conference on the subject matter of the said Amendments and that they would be pleased to appoint a Time & place for that purpose

Resolved, that the Conference desired be immediately in the Court House in the City Hall and that the Hōnble James De Lancey & Danl Horsmanden Esq^rs be Managers for the Council at that Conference

Ordered, that the Hōnble Henry Lane Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly therewith

Then the Council adjourned during pleasure

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr reported to the Council that Mr Horsmanden & himself had met the General Assembly at a free conference and were of opinion that the Reasons given by the Council in Support of their fourth & fifth amendments remain unanswered

Resolved unanimously, that the Council do adhere to their s^d amendments

Ordered, that the Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly therewith

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^{l} Moore & Mr Richard to acquaint the Council that that House agrees to all the amendments made by the Council to the Bill Entitled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia and desiring that the said Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was amended & read

The Council adjourned till 3 of the clock in the afternoon

Post Merid

The Council met according to adjournm^{t}

PRESENT as before

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency the Govr being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Clerck of the Council to the General Assembly requiring their Immediate attendance in the Council Chamber

The Assembly attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Excellency then gave his assent to the fourteen Bills following

1 An Act for payment of the salaries services and contingencies therein mentioned until the first of September 1744 out of the Fonds appropriated for the support of this Government

2 An Act to prolong the Currency of Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act Entitled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Governm^{t} of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned

3 An Act for limiting the continuance of the General Assemblies of this Colony

4 An Act for the better regulating the Militia

5 An Act for the more speedy recovery of Legacies within this Colony

6 An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in the Colony of New York with respect to ye Imprisonment of their persons

7 An Act to prevent firing the Woods in Suffolk County Dutchess County and Mannor of Livingston

8 An Act to divide the Southern part of the County of Ulster into precincts and to enable the Corporation of Kingston and Mannor of Fox Hall to chuse and Elect one Supervisor more and for regulating the Supervisors and Assessors within the said County

9 An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Goshen in the County of Orange to elect two additional Constables at the places therein mentioned

10 An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick Highwayes in the County of Ulster

11 An Act for the better relief of the poor in Dutchess County

12 An Act for lessening the Reward for killing and destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the County of Orange

13 An Act to Enable the Justices of the peace in Dutchess County to build a Court House & Goal or to Enlarge and repair the old one

14 An Act in addition to An Act for the better clearing regulating & further laying out publick High Roads in the City and County of Albany

After which the said Acts were published as usual and his Excellency directed the Assembly to adjourn to the third Tuesday in April next & return'd to his House

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Council adjourned to the third Tuesday in April next

TWENTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY SECOND SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *began at the City Hall, in the City of* New York, *on* Tuesday, *the* 17th *day of April*, 1744.

The General Assembly being adjourned to this day
The Council met at the Council Chamber

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DAl HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
His Excellency the Hōnble George Clinton Esqr being come to the Council Chamber
The Hōnble Philip Livingston Esqr one of the members of his Majestyes Council for this province took the oaths appointed to be taken instead of the oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy and took & subscribed the Test and also took the oath of a privy Councillor and then took his place in the Council
His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Clerk of the Council to the General Assembly requiring their Immediate attendance in the Council Chamber
The Assembly attending accordingly with their Speaker
His Excellency made a Speech to the Council & General Assembly and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly
His Excellency left the Council Chamber
The Speaker resumed the Chair
Ordered, that his Excellencyes Speech be read. Which being read it was
Ordered, to be Entred in the Minutes and is as followeth

Gentlemen,

As the season of the year did not permit you to provide for all those things recommended to you in my Speech at the opening of the last meeting particularly as to ye supplying the Magazines of the respective Garrisons with Gun powder, the rebuilding the House in the Fort and the appointing Agents for the Colony at the Court of Great Britain, I therefore recommend them to your consideration; not doubting but they will have their due weight in your deliberations

I have received two Letters from Mr Stone, Secretary to the Lords Justices, with their Excellency's directions that I should Employ the most Effectual means, for putting this Colony into the best posture of Defence that shall be possible, and to be constantly upon my guard against any surprize from any Quarter whatsoever: And by a ship lately arrived here, advice has been brought that ye French had been preparing to make an Invasion on his Majestys Kingdoms in favour of a popish pretender, and that there has been an Engagemt in the Mediterranean between part of his Majesty's Fleet under the command of Admiral Mathews and the combined Fleets of Spain and France which events may probably bring on a French Warr: And therefore it behoves us to put ourselves in such a condition, that we may be able to repell the Attempts which may be made upon any part of this Country and in order to do that it will be proper to consider what may be wanting to compleat the Fortifications in this City, and the County of Albany, that those Frontier places may not be exposed to the Insults of an Enemy

Gentlemen,

You cannot but be sensible of ye great Importance of Oswego not only for carrying on an advantageous Trade with the remote Indians but also for preserving the Six Nations in their Fidelity & keeping them steady to the British Interest; therefore I persuade myself you will do whatever shall be necessary for the additional strength of that place, and make a provision for carrying up the Cannon and a supply of Gunpowder early this Spring to that and the other out Garrisons

The ill consequences I apprehend to the whole province if that Garrison of Oswego should fall into the Enemy's Hands induced me for it's support to order some persons to be sent thither to reside there this last winter. I expect you will provide for that Expence, and for the support of such an additional number of men, as may be found needful to send thither

It has been represented to me that the Allowance made to the Commissioners for Indian Affairs, is not sufficient to defray the necessary disbursements which that service will require,

Especially in case of War with ye French I must therefore recommend it to you to make such farther addition as the nature of that service does demand

By the Accounts received from ye West Indies, the small pox rages in several of the Islands there; I have taken all the precautions in my power to guard against its being brought in hither, and I think it would be expedient to pass a Law as soon as may be to prevent the bringing in that or any other infectious Distemper with such penalties as will render it effectual for that purpose

Gentlemen,

These things which I have recommended to you are such as concern the Honour the Interest and safety of this province and if there be any other which can contribute to the welfare of the people under my Government I shall chearfully concur in every measure that can promote an end I have so much at Heart

G Clinton

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed

The Councill adjourned till Fryday morning 10 of ye clock

Fryday, April 20th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournm^t

Present — *The Honble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr,
Philip Cortlandt,
Henry Lane, Esq^rs,

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Then the Councill adjourned till Tuesday morning 11

Tuesday, April 24th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Honble* Cadwallader Colden, Esqr, Speaker,
Philip Livingston,
Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Philip Cortlandt,
Henry Lane,
Da^l Horsmanden, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jones & Mr Livingston to desire the Council to acquaint that House what progress or proceedings they have made upon the Bill Entitled, An Act for regulating Prosecutions on Informations pursuant to their Message on the 15th Decr last

The Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr moved to address his Excellency thanking him for his Speech Expressing their abhorrence of the base designs of his Majestye's Enemyes to invade his Kingdoms in favour of a popish pretender Declaring how sensible they are of the Happiness we Enjoy under his Majestie's Reign and that our religious and civil Rights do next under God depend on the protestant succession in his illustrious House assuring his Excellency that they will chearfully concur in every measure for the security and welfare of the province which they are satisfyed his Excellency has sincerely at Heart

Resolved nemine contradicente, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency accordingly

Ordered, that the Hōnble Philip Livingston Esqr do go to the Generall Assembly and acquaint them with the above resolution and that the Council desire to know if that hōnble House will join with them therein

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicol and Mr Verplanck to acquaint the Council that that House will readily and chearfully Join with the Gentlemen of the Council in an Address to his Excellency upon the subject matters mentioned in their Message of this day and that if they please to appoint a Committee of their Honourable House the Assembly will appoint another to meet them at such time and place as they shall think fit in order to prepare the Draught of such an Address accordingly

Ordered, that the Hōnble Cadwallader Colden, Philip Livingston, James De Lancey & Da[l] Horsmanden Esq[rs] be a Committee of the Council to meet a Committee of the General Assembly on the subject matter of their last Message and that they meet at the House of Edward Willet at 7 of the clock this Evening

Ordered, that the Hōnble Archibald Kennedy Esq[r] do acquaint the General Assembly therewith

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of y[e] clock

Wednesday, April 25th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esq[r], Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCH[d] KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DA[l] HORSMANDEN, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Hōnble James De Lancey Esq[r] reported from the Committee appointed yesterday to meet a Committee of the General Assembly in order to prepare a Draught of an Address to his Excellency that the two Committees had met accordingly and agreed upon y[e] s[d] Address which he delivered in at the Table where the same was read and approved of

Ordered, that the Hōnble James De Lancey Esq[r] do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council do approve of the Draught of an Address to his Excellency prepared by the Joint Committees

A Message from the General Assembly by Col[l] Morris & M[r] Jones to acquaint the Council that that House have agreed to and approved of the Draught of an Address to his Excellency prepared by the Joint Committees of both Houses and that when the same is Engrossed and signed by the members of the Council the members of the General Assembly will be ready to sign the same likewise

Ordered, that the said Address be Engrossed

Which being done the same was signed by the seven Gentlemen of the Council present

And which Address is in y[e] words following

To His Excellency The Hōnble GEORGE CLINTON Esq[r] Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the province of New York and the Territories thereon depending in America and Vice Admiral of the same

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council and General Assembly of the Colony of New York

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestyes most dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Members of the Council and of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York beg leave to return our thanks for your Excellencye's Speech

It is Sir with the utmost detestation and abhorrence that we reflect upon the base designs of his Majesties Enemys to invade his Kingdoms and excite Revolts & disturbances amongst his Subjects in favour of a popish pretender to his Majesties Dominions

We are truly sensible of the Happiness we enjoy under his Majesty's auspicious Reign and that the preservation of our Religious and Civil Rights does next under God depend on the protestant Succession in his Royal & Illustrious House

And we beg leave further to assure your Excellency that the Several important matters you have been pleased to recommend to us shall have their due weight in our deliberations and that we will with the utmost zeal & chearfulness concur in every measure conducive to the security and welfare of the Colony which we are truly satisfy'd your Excellency has sincerely at Heart

Ordered, that the Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esq[r] do carry the said Engrossed Address signed by the Council to the General Assembly and desire that House to sign it likewise and also acquaint them that the Council have appointed the Honble James De Lancey Esq[r] to wait on his Excellency with such members as that House shall appoint to know his pleasure when he will be attended with the said Address.

The Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr reported that himself with Col^{l} Morris & Col^{l} Philipse from the General Assembly had waited on his Exc^{y} according to the above order and that his Exc^{y} was pleased to appoint to morrow morning ten of the clock

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of ye clock

Thursday, April 26th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCH^{d} KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DA^{l} HORSMANDEN, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Then the Council adjourned to Join the General Assembly in order to present the Address of both Houses to his Excellency and the Council being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and reported that the said Address was read & presented by him to his Excellency and that he had been pleased to receive it very kindly and to make ye following answer thereto

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly

"I return you my Thanks for this address Your Expressions of Loyalty and Zeal for his "Majesty and his Illustrious House are very gratefull to me and cannot fail of recommending "you to his Majesty's Favour

Ordered, that the Address and Answer be forthwith printed

Then the Council adjourned till Wednesday morning next ten of the clock

Wednesday, May 2^{d}, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT as before

And adjourned till Fryday morning 10 of the clock

Fryday, May 4th, 1744.

The Councill met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DA^{l} HORSMANDEN, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Honble James De Lancey Esqr according to the order of Council of ye 15th of Decr last presented to the Council a Bill Entitled, An Act to regulate Prosecutions by Information in the Supreme Court of this province which was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicol and Mr Pierson with the Bill entitled, An Act for the punctual payment of the County Rates in Suffolk County and for the more effectual recovering of the Arrearages thereof desiring ye Concurrence of the Council

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read a second time

The Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 of ye clock

Tuesday, May 8th, 1744.

The Councill met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DAl HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to regulate Prosecutions by Informations in the Supreme Court of this province be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read ye 2d time &

Ordered to be Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for the punctual payment of the County Rates in Suffolk County and for the more effectual recovering of the arrearages thereof be now read the 2d time

Then the said Bill was read ye 2d time and

Ordered to be Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

Then the Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bills

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Honble Danl Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bills were referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills and had directed him to report them without any amendmt

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of and

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to regulate Prosecutions by Informations in the Supreme Court of this province be Engrossed and

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, An Act for the punctual payment of the County Rates in Suffolk County and for the more effectual recovering of the Arrearages thereof be read the third time

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 of the clock

Wednesday, May 9th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DAl HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for the punctual payment of the County Rates in Suffolk County and for the more effectual recovering of the arrearages thereof be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble Henry Lane Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the sd Bill without any amendment

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard & Capn Van Horn with the Bill Entitled, An Act to Impower the sworn repackers of the City of New York for the time being to Repack & Brand half Barrels of Beef and Pork desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered, to be read the second time

Then the Council adjourned till Fryday morning 10 of ye clock

Fryday, May 11th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DAl HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Bill Entitled, An Act to Impower the sworn Repacker of the City of New York for the time being to repack & brand half Barrels of Beef & pork was read the second time &

Ordered, to be comitted

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill & being agreed on the Report by them to be made when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Then the Hōnble Dal Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the same & had directed him to report ye sd Bill without any amendmt

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of. And the said Bill was

Ordered to be read the third time

Ordered, that the Engrossed Bill Entitled, An Act to regulate Prosecutions by Information in the Supreme Court of this province be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble Danl Horsmanden Esqr do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and desire their concurrence thereto

The Council adjourned till Wednesday morning next 10 of the clock

Wednesday, May 16th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DAl HORSMANDEN.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Schuyler & Mr Nicol with the Bill Entitled, An Act for repairing & compleating the Fortifications of this Colony for defraying the charge of ye several Services therein mentioned for the use & security of the said Colony and for building a new House proper for the Residence of Governors for the time being desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read a second time

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Beekman & Mr Ludlow with the Bill Entitled, An Act to Explain part of An Act entitled, An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out Publick Highways in Kings County, Queens County, Richmond County and Orange County desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read a second time

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to Impower the sworn Repacker of the City of New York for the time being to repack & Brand Half Barrels of Beef & Pork be now read ye third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that this Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble Da^l Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the Generall Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

Thursday, May 17th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournm^t

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DA^l HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Bill Entitled, An Act for repairing & compleating the Fortifications of this Colony for defraying the Charge of the several services therein mentioned for the use & security of the said Colony & for building a new House proper for ye residence of Governours for the time being desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto was read the second time & committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

The Bill Entitled, An Act to Explain part of An Act Entitled, An Act for the better clearing regulating & further laying out publick High Wayes in Kings County, Queens County, Richmond County & Orange County was read ye second time & committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bills

The Council having duely weighed & considered of the said Bills & being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Hōnble Da^l Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the s^d Bills were referred in his place reported that the Council had gone through ye same & had directed him to report them without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of. And the said Bills were

Ordered to be read ye third time

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of ye clock

Fryday, May 18th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^l Morris and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entitled, An Act to alter part of An Act Intitled, An Act for the better clearing Regulating and further laying out publick High Roads in ye County of Weste^r desiring the Concurrence of the Council therewith

Then the said Bill was read ye first time and

Ordered to be read a second time

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for repairing and Compleating the Fortifications of this Colony for defraying the Charge of the Several Services therein mentioned for the use and security of the said Colony and for building a new House proper for the Residence of Governours thereof for the time being be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to Explain part of An Act Entitled, An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick high ways in Kings County, Queens County, Richmond County and Orange County be now read ye third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass
Ordered, that the Honourable Philip Courtlandt Esqr do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bills without any Amendment
The Council adjourned till 4 Post Merid

The Council met according to adjournm^t

PRESENT as before

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Bill Entitled, An Act to alter part of An Act Entitled, An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick high Roads in the County of W^t Chester was read ye second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council
The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of ye s^d Bill
The Committee having duly weighed and Considered of ye said Bill and being agreed on the report by them to be made thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same
The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that ye said Report be now made
The Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bills were referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone thro the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

Saturday, May 19th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCH^d KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
HENRY LANE,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Bill Entitled, An Act to alter part of An Act Entitled, An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick high Roads in the County of West Chester was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass
Ordered, that the Hono^ble James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment
His Excellency the Governour being come to the Councill Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Clerck of the Council requiring the immediate attendance of that House in the Council Chamber
The General Assembly attending accordingly with their Speaker
His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the five following Bills vizt

1 An Act for repairing and compleating the Fortifications of this Colony for defraying the charge of the several services therein mentioned for the use and security of the said Colony and for building a new House proper for the Residence of Governours thereof for the time being

2 An Act to impower the sworn Repackers of the City of New York for the time being to repack and brand half Barrells of Beef and Pork

3 An Act for the punctual payment of the County Rates in Suffolk County and for the more Effectual recovering the arrearages thereof

4 An Act to Explain part of An Act Entitled, An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick highways in King's County, Queens County, Richmond County and Orange County and

5 An Act to alter part of An Act Entitled, An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick High Roads in the County of West Chester

After which the said Acts were published with the usual Solemnity

His Excellency then directed the General Assembly to return to the Assembly and adjourn themselves to the third Tuesday in July next and then returned to his Residence attended as usual

The Speaker resumed ye Chair

Then the Council adjourned themselves to the third Tuesday in July next

TWENTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY THIRD SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council & General Assembly *began at y^e* City Hall *of the City of* New York, *on* Tuesday *y^e* 17th *of* July, 1744.

The Council & Generall Assembly being adjourned to this Day

The Council met according to adjournm^t

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Councill being informed that that there were not a sufficient number of ye Members of the Generall Assembly in Town to make a House

Adjourned till to morrow morning 11 of the clock

Wednesday, July 18.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency the Honble Geo Clinton Captn General & Governour in Chief of this province being come to ye Council Chamber attended as usual sent a Message by ye Deputy Clerk of ye Council to ye General Assembly requiring their Immediate attendance at ye Council Chamber

The General Assembly attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Excellency made a speech to the Council & General Assembly & delivered one copy thereof to ye Speaker of ye Council & another to ye Speaker of ye General Assembly

After which his Excellency left the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read

Which being read accordingly it was further

Ordered, that the same be Entred in the Minutes and is in the words following

Gentlemen,

At your last meeting, from the authentick Intelligence I had concerning the French War you had my Recommendation to make provision for several matters, which I then conceiv'd to be of great Importance, though hitherto it has not had intire Effect

His most sacred Majesty in Just Resentment of the many repeated Indignities offered to his Crown and Kingdoms by the French King, by his Notorious Violation and Breach of the most

solemn Treaties, his open Hostilities lately committed against the British Fleet in the Mediterranean. and the daring affront offered by the Reception of the son of the Pretender in the French Dominions and the preparations made for an Invasion of his Majesty's Kingdoms in favour of a popish Pretender, found himself indispensably obliged to take up Arms, in concert with his Allies, to support the Ballance and Liberties of Europe by putting a checque to the Ambitious views of that aspiring Monarch, to reduce all the powers of Europe under his Influence and Tyranny, not doubting of the Blessing of Almighty God on so righteous a Cause

It is therefore incumbent on us to use the greatest Diligence and Dispatch to put this province into the best posture of Defence, to repel any attempts which may be made against us, and not only so, but to exert ourselves in such a manner as we may be able upon occasion to attack & Distress our Enemies

The compleating the several Fortifications in this City, Albany, Oswego, and the other Garrisons should now be attended to without the least Delay wherein I cannot but observe there has hitherto been made but too slow a progress: As to what I think farther necessary to be done for the security and Defence of this City and other parts of the province, I shall lay the particulars thereof before you

According to my former Resolution I have sent up the Cannon and Ammunition to Oswego and a reinforcement of Soldiers, as also a detachment to Saragtoga, all which are arrived; and upon the Representation of the officer at Oswego whilst I was at Albany I then ordered such things as were immediately necessary for the security and Defence of that place, and likewise directed an Interpreter to be sent there, and six Indians to serve as scouts to watch and give Intelligence of the motions of the Enemy, and upon information since I arrived here, have further directed two Indians of each of the Six Nations to be retained by us in our pay, to Reside at Oswego, in order to assist in the Defence of it, in case it should be attacked. I found it requisite also to advance fifty pounds to the officer there to lay out, occasionally for presents to the Indians, or other incidental services, as shall be judged expedient from time to time, and the same officer has acquainted me that he has already expended several sums on such like occasions which I have promised him to recommend to you to reimburse; for which & all other monies advanced upon the Credit, and for the Honour and service of the publick upon any Emergency, I cannot doubt but you will readily make provision, when the accounts are laid before you

The great Importance of that place has been often enlarged upon, so as to render a Repitition needless, I cannot however omit taking Notice, that upon the preservation of that Fortress the Fidelity of the Six Nations to the British Interest does in a great measure depend

I have lately had an Interview with those Indians at Albany, and have renewed the Treaties and Strengthened the Alliance with them, they expressed their hearty attachment to the British Interest in the Strongest Terms, tho' I found them rather inclinable not to intermeddle with the war, unless provoked thereto by an Attempt of the French from Canada upon any of our possessions

There met me upon this occasion Commissioners from the province of the Massachusetts Bay and the Colony of Connecticut fully impowered to treat with those Nations by my permission to revive the Ancient Amity and alliance between them and those Governments, in which I was glad of the Opportunity of giving them the full Liberty, conceiving it must redound to the advantage of the Common Cause of his Majesty's respective Colonies in North America, and of course tend towards an Hearty union of the several Governments in their respective Councils and actions upon the present Important Occasion

It highly concerns the Interest of this Government in particular as well as the British Interest upon the Continent in General, to preserve the Six Nations and all other Indians in Alliance with us and them, steady in their Engagements: for if by the Artifices and Intrigues of a Subtle Enemy they should at length through any Improvidence of ours, be seduced from their fidelity to His Majesty we may easily see how fatal and Destructive such an Event would prove

The Commissioners from the Massachusets Government had full powers likewise for Entring into a strict union and Alliance with us and all the Colonies on the main to concert and agree with them upon proper measures for their Joynt Conduct in the War, as well Offensively as Defensively against the Common Enemies, for our mutual advantage. I earnestly recommend it to you to provide Supplies the better to enable me to Commissionate proper persons with like powers for this laudable End, that thereby such measures may be engaged in, touching the conduct of the war in these parts, that his Majesty's American Subjects may not only be safe in their possessions, but become a Terror to his Enemies

Gentlemen,

It may be proper for you to Consider that while his Majesty's Station Ship is Refitting, our Coast and Trade is unguarded. in this Case the Examples of the Neighbouring Governments may at this Conjuncture well be thought worthy your Imitation, the fitting out Vessels well manned and Armed in order to prevent or Defeat any Efforts of a rapacious Enemy, 'till the Man of War can be Compleated for service, and other ships arrive from Great Britain (which I

have represented to the Lords of the Admiralty to be requisite) may well compensate any expence the province can be put to on that account

Nor is the appointment of an Agent at the Court of Great Britain to negotiate the Affairs of the province with a Salary adequate to that service, of Small Importance I have before recommended it, and as a matter I think still of greater Concernment at this time, I cannot but repeat it.

Gentlemen,

These several services must unavoidably be attended with Extraordinary Expence, but think seriously how fatal the consequences may be to our Civil and Religious Liberties, should we by any Backwardness or Defect in making suitable provision for defraying the Charges necessary to these Ends, and to answer all other Incidents and contingencies of the Government supinely suffer any part of this province to fall into the Enemy's Hands

If therefore the Honour of his most sacred Majesty and the British subjects the preservation of your Liberties and properties and all that is dear and sacred to you may be thought the most prevailing motives for exerting your vigour at this time of common Danger; I entreat you calmly and deliberately to think on these things and I persuade my self I may confidently rely on your raising such supplies, as will Effectually answer the present Emergencies and enable me to support the Honour & Dignity of this Government, and pursue every method for its safety, to which you will always find me attentive with the sincerest Regard

G. Clinton.

18th *July* 1744

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed

Then the Council adjourned till Fryday morning 11 of the clock

Fryday, July 20th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present— *The Honble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

James De Lancey,
Philip Cortlandt,
Daniel Horsmanden,
Joseph Murray, Esqrs.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday morning next 11 of ye clock

Tuesday, July 24th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Honble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

James De Lancey,
Philip Cortlandt,
Daniel Horsmanden, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency communicated to the Council by John Catherwood Esqr his private secretary a Message he was then sending to the General Assembly which being read was

Ordered to be Entred in the minutes and is as followeth

Gentlemen,

In my Speech delivered to you on the 18th Instant I spoke in General how much it imported us at this Critical conjuncture to use the utmost Diligence and dispatch for putting this province into the best posture of Defence, and recommended to you to make a provision suitable to that End, and as to what I had already ordered or should think further necessary to be done immediately for our security, I told you I would lay the particulars before you, and accordingly they are contained in the following Articles

1st As to my Directions already given concerning the Fortifications in this City I have ordered the Brass Cannon on the Flag Mount in Fort George to be repaired and rendered fit for service

Ninety five shot boxes (one for each Gun) four more Centinel Boxes a new Flag Staff, and a Plat Form on the South East Bastion in Fort George to be forthwith made

Leaden Aprons to be made for ye Cannon on Copsey Battery & a Fence from ye East to ye West side thereof

Eight cannon to be remov'd to Mr Rutgers's Wharf on the North River and eight to Burnets Key on the East River for Sand Batteries in case of an Invasion

2dly Concerning what I judge further necessary to be done towards compleating the fortifications of this City The Magazine in Fort George under the South East Bastion to be sufficiently repaired for the Reception & Safe Custody of Gunpowder

A greater Quantity of Gunpowder to be forthwith provided that all the Garrisons may have a sufficiency The rest of the Barracks in Fort George should be rebuilt for the accomodation of the two Independent companies which cannot be lodged there without them

A Banquette or Foot Bank should be raised along the inside of the parapet on Copsey and the Flat Rock Batteries to a proper Height for ye musqueteers to fire over.

The Berm on Copsey Battery to be filled up with sod work, to prevent the Enemy's landing there

To take away every other Gun on Copsey and fill up each other Embrasure with sod work

Tomkins and Leaden Aprons should be made for all the Cannon

Provision should be made for sorting all ye Cannon shot and placing them on Boxes next to ye proper Guns

Matrosses with proper Officers should be provided for, to be kept in Constant exercise

3dly As to what I have directed concerning ye Fortifications in the County of Albany & respecting ye Indians in order to secure their dependance on the British Interest, upon ye Representation of ye Officer at Oswego to the Com^r^ of Indian Affairs at Albany communicated to me there & upon ye Report & Examination of some Traders I then ordered that ye port Holes of the new wall should be immediately altered in such manner as that ye Cannon might be traversed, and likewise that ye platform should be repaired

That the Officer should make use of the Timber of the Traders Houses to make Ramparts and piles to place against the wall to strengthen and secure it

I have ordered the Commissioners of Indian Affairs immediately to send up into the Sennekas Country an Armourer and Smith with two or three other men with them to reside there upon the complaint of the Sachims of that Nation that they were in great want of them to assist in removing their Castles near to the Cayougas for their greater strength and security according to my recommendation to them for that purpose

4^thly^ Concerning what is further necessary to be done for the security of the County of Albany

A Strong ffort to be built in a proper situation near Crown point, and a sufficient Garrison kept there to maintain it, and as from thence the French can make Inroads into this Country and the neighbouring Governments to the Eastward, this should be done at our joint Expence

A Strong ffort should likewise be built at Tierondequat or some other proper place in the Sennekas County, and a Strong Garrison kept in it to maintain it in order, to preserve the Sennekas and other Indians in their ffidelity to his Majesty, and as all his Majesties Governments on the Continent are in some degree concerned in this material article, this ought to be done at the joint Expence of all Interested

Upon our making proper provision I will commissionate fit persons to treat with the neighbouring Governments touching these Articles and such others as shall be Judged Expedient from time to time for our mutual defence and the Annoyance of his Majesties Enemys

G Clinton

Then the Council adjourned to Thursday morning 10 of the clock

Thursday, July 26, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment and further adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 of the clock

Tuesday, July 31, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*[ble] ARCH[d] KENNEDY, Esq[r], Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency communicated to the Council by John Catherwood Esq[r] his private Secretary a Message he was then sending to the Gen[l] Assembly which being read was

Ordered to be Entered in the minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen,

Since my last message to the House on the 24 Instant several other particulars have occurred to me which in my opinion the publick security requires to be provided for at this time

It is absolutely necessary there should be a Battery of Six Guns at Red Hook on Nassau Island which would effectually prevent the Enemys Vessels lying there to Bombard this City or their landing any Force or Artillery on Nutten Island in case of any such attack upon us, this Battery might be easily supplied and maintained by the Force of the Country

It would likewise be proper to Raise another Battery on the Front of the great Dock of this City in order to flank the east side of Copsey Battery as the fflat-Rock Battery does to the Westward

I omitted to acquaint you in my last that I had ordered the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany to agree with ten men and an officer upon the most Reasonable Terms they cou'd to serve as outscouts towards Crown point, to be immediately employed on that occasion, to watch and give Intelligence of the motions of the Enemy from that Quarter, who were agreed with and sent out accordingly and are since returned I doubt not you will provide for that service also when the accounts are laid before you

And further it is necessary that you provide for the support of such a number of men and officers as may be sufficient to be kept constantly in pay in that employ in the County of Albany during the Warr

The Commissioners of Indian Affairs have recommended the number to be thirty nine men and two Officers for this purpose and Ten Indians to be retained in aid of them who will be able to penetrate further into the Enemys Country than the other Scouts with this advantage that they may not only be secure in their persons but unsuspected.

I have been acquainted that in the former Warr with ffrance some Companys of y[e] Militia detached from other Countys were sent up to Albany to Continue there in the pay of the Country to assist in the Defence of that County the Commissioners of Indian Affairs have recommended it to me as a matter requisite to be done at this time

The Allowance to the Commissioners of Indian Affairs ought now of necessity to be enlarged as it must be expected that many incidental services will arise to the publick in the time of Warr as well from Indians as others which from the nature of them will demand Gratuitys which the present Annual provision for negotiating Indian Affairs is too Scanty to admit of, as I have heretofore intimated to you

G. CLINTON

New York 31st *July* 1744

Then the Council adjourned to Fryday the 3[d] August 1744

Fryday, August 3[d], 1744.

The Council met according to adjournm[t] and further adjourned to Tuesday

Tuesday, August 7th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment and further adjourned to Fryday morning 10 of the clock

Fryday August 10th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the Assembly by Coll Morris & Mr Pierson with the Bill Entitled, An Act to Exempt Prize Goods from any Duty or Custom imposed by the Laws of this Colony desiring the concurrence of the Councill thereto
Then ye sd Bill was read the first time and
Ordered to be read ye second time
The Council adjourned till Fryday morning 10 of ye clock

Fryday, Augt 17th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the Assembly by Coll Schuyler and Capn Winne with ye Bill Entitled, An Act to support the Garrison and Trading House at Oswego desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said Bill be now read
Then the said Bill was read ye first time &
Ordered a second Reading
A Message from the Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Van Horne with the Bill Entitled, " An " Act to let to Farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of " Novr 1744 to ye first day of Novr 1745, desiring ye concurrence of the Councill thereto
Ordered, that ye sd Bill be now read
Then the said Bill was read ye first Time &
Ordered to be read ye 2d time
A Message from ye Assembly by Mr Jones & Mr Le Count with the Bill Entitled, " An Act " for the speedy punishing and releasing such persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any " Criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny," desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that ye said Bill be now read
Then the said Bill was read the first time &
Ordered to be read a second time
A Message from the Assembly by Coll Moore & Mr Richard with the Bill Entitled, " An Act " for the speedy punishing and releasing such persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any " criminal offences in the City of New York under the Degree of Grand Larceny desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that ye sd Bill be now read
Then ye sd Bill was read ye first time &
Ordered to be read ye 2d time
Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, " An Act to Exempt Prize Goods from any Duty or Custom " imposed by the Laws of this Colony be now read the second time
Then ye sd Bill was read the second time and
Ordered, to be committed to ye Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them
Then ye Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 of the clock

Tuesday, August 21st, 1744

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANl HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency by John Catherwood Esq his private Secretary communicated to ye Council a Message he had sent yesterday to ye Assembly which being Read was

Ordered to be Entred in the Minutes and is as followeth

Gentlemen,

From the Examination herewith laid before you it must be inferred that the Province has Suffered considerable Damage this Summer, by ye precipitate Retreat of our Indian Traders from Oswego, upon Notice of the French Warr, most of them you will find left the place immediately upon the alarm, sold what they could of their goods to those few of their Brethren that had the Sense Courage and Resolution to stay behind and brought the Remainder back with them: You will Judge what a Baulk and Discouragement this Instance of pusilanimity has occasioned to those numbers of Indians of ye far Nations who have rarely come to trade with us but perhaps finding the French had no goods to Supply them at Niagara, resolved to proceed to Oswego, where some of them found the place basely deserted by most of our People and no Goods to Exchange for their Furrs upon Information whereof many other Indian Canoes were turned back before they reached that place

How mean an opinion must the Savages entertain of us, when they find our people are so easily frightned, as it were with a shadow, and that the great gains which are constantly reaped by this advantageous Traffick are not sufficient to Excite a Resolution in our Traders to stand to ye Defence of this Fortress, the loss of which would determine that trade, and it is to be feared the Indians too in Favour of our natural Enemies ye French. How fatal such an Event would prove to this Colony in particular and the British Interest upon ye continent in General may be easily foreseen

The pernicious consequences which must inevitably flow from this sort of Demeanour I perswade myself you will think deserving your serious attention, and that you will put ye most profitable Branch of our Trade into such a method for ye future as may encourage and invite the most distant nations to come yearly to reside at that mart; when by the wisdom and Justice of the Legislature matters are so regulated for the future, that ye Indians may be assured that not only their occasions will always be plentifully supplyed there with goods, the best in their kind, but also at ye most reasonable Rates, touching which last Article the Six Nations have made frequent complaints By these measures we shall establish such a credit amongst our own, and the remotest Indians, that it will not be in the Power of the French to Rival us in that point

I cannot but with ye greatest earnestness recommend it to you to make provision for ye maintenance of such prisoners of Warr as have already been or shall hereafter be brought into this port It is utterly improper they should contrary to all precedent be suffered to go about at large viewing our situation and Fortifications a practice not suffered by any other Country in time of the profoundest peace and if they are not to be supported by the publick it must be expected that our privateers will upon any Capture for ye future discharge themselves of the Incumbrance, by putting them on shore in some of their own Dominions, which likewise Contrary to all good policy will be a strengthening of the Enemy, by setting those hands at liberty to annoy us, which were once in our power effectually to have restrained, and besides that Compassion which is due to our fellow Subjects, who may have ye misfortune to fall into the Enemys Hands, should induce us to secure those enemies who come within our power in order to exchange for our Countrey men, who otherwise must languish in prison in the Enemy's Hands If you provide for their subsistence I will take care to distribute them in the best manner I can

By the Letter lately received from ye Comissioners of Indian Affairs (herewith also laid before you) you will see what further Information I have received concerning ye French Designs agt that Important place of Oswego

G. CLINTON

Mr Catherwood also laid before ye Council a Letter from ye Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany to his Excy dated ye 13th Instant Also an affidavit of George Swan an Indian Trader which were read

A Message from ye Assembly by Col^l^ Schuyler and Mr Renselaer with ye Bill Entitled "An "Act for recovering Arrearages of Taxes and Rates in ye City and County of Albany" desiring ye Concurrence of ye Council thereto

Ordered, that ye s^d^ Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read ye first time &

Ordered to be read ye 2^d^ time

A Message from ye Assembly by Mr Richard & Col^l^ Moore with the Bill Entitled, "An Act to " Explain An Act Entitled, An Act to prolong ye Currency of Bills of Credit emitted by virtue " of An Act Entitled, An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for ye payment of the Debts and for " ye better support of the Government of this Colony and other the purposes therein mentioned desiring ye concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read ye first time &

Ordered to be read ye second time

Then ye Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of ye clock

*Wednesday, Aug^t^* 22^d^, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esq, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DAN^l^ HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act for recovering arrearages of Taxes in the City & " County of Albany" be now read ye second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, " An Act to Explain An Act Intitled, An Act to prolong " the Currency of Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act Entitled, An Act for Emitting " Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better supporting of the Government " of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned" be now read ye second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time & committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

Then the Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bills and also of the Bill Entitled, An Act to Exempt Prize Goods from any Duty or Custom imposed by ye Laws of this Colony

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bills were referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills and had directed him to report them without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bills be read the third time

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entitled, " An Act " for the speedy punishing and releasing such persons from Imprisonment as shall Commit any " Criminal offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny and also of the Bill Entitled, " An Act " for the speedy punishing and releasing such persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any " Criminal Offences in the City and County of New York under the Degree of Grand Larceny

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Nrdered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bills were referred in his place reported that the Council had gone through the said Bills and had directed him to report them with an amendm^t^ to each of them

Then each of the said Amendments being read They were severally agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that each of the said Bills be read a third time as amended

The Council adjourned till Saturday morning 10 of ye clock

Saturday, Augt 25th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, " An Act to let to Farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed " in this Colony from the first of Novr 1744 to the first Day of November 1745" be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, " An Act for recovering arrearages of Taxes and Rates in the " City and County of Albany" be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the Assembly that ye Council have passed the said Bills without any amendm^{t}

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, " An Act to Exempt Prize Goods from any Duty or Custom " imposed by the Laws of this Colony be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, " An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such persons " from Imprisonment as shall committ any criminal Offences under ihe Degree of Grand " Larceny be now read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass with ye amendm^{t}

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, " An Act for the speedy punishing and Releasing such persons " from Imprisonment as shall commit any Criminal Offences in the City and County of New " York under the degree of Grand Larceny be now read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was accordingly read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass as amended

Ordered, that the Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr do carry ye s^{d} Bill to the General Assembly & acquaint them that the Council have passed the said two Bills with an amendm^{t} to each of them to which they desire their concurrence

Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 of ye clock

Tuesday, Augt 28th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournm^{t}

PRESENT— *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Glen and Captn Winne with the Bill Entitled, " An Act to amend part of An Act Entitled, An Act further to fortify the City of Albany and " Town of Schenegtade and for raising the sum of four Hundred and Fifty pounds to defray the " Expences thereof" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read
Then the said Bill was read the first time &
Ordered to be read a second time
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

Wednesday, Augt ye 29th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournm^t

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DAN^l HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and M^r Le Count with the Bill Entitled, "An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such persons from Imprisonment as "shall commit any Criminal Offences in the City and County of New York under the Degree "of Grand Larceny" with the Amendment made by the Council thereto & to acquaint them that the General Assembly do agree to ye s^d Amendment and desire that the said Bill may be amended accordingly
And the said Bill was accordingly amended
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

Thursday, Aug 30th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to amend part of An Act Entituled, An Act further "to fortify the City of Albany and Town of Schenectady and for raising the sum of four "hundred and fifty pounds to defray the expence thereof" be now read the second time
Then the said Bill was read ye second time & committed to the Gentlemen of the Councill or any five of them
The Council resolved themselves into a Comittee to consider of the said Bill
The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same
The Speaker resumed the Chair
Ordered, that the said Report be now made
The Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that they had gone through ye said Bill and had directed him to report the same with several amendm^ts
Then the said Amendments were read and
On the Question being put, were agreed to and approved of
Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time as amended
The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entitled, "An Act "to explain An Act Entitled, An Act to prolong the Currency of Bills of Credit Emitted by "Virtue of An Act Entitled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts "and for the better support of ye Governm^t of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned
The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same
The Speaker resumed the Chair
Ordered, that the said Report be now made

The Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill & had directed him to report it without any amendm^t

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicol & M^r Le Count with the Bill Entitled, An Act for the speedy punishing and Releasing such persons from Imprisonm^t as shall commit any criminal offences under ye Degree of Grand Larceny to acquaint the Council that ye Assembly agree to ye amendment made by the Council to that Bill & desiring the Bill may be amended accordingly

The Bill was accordingly amended.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of ye clock

Fryday, Augt 31st, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entitled, " An Act to support the Garrison and Trading House at Oswego

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive ye same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that ye s^d Report be now made

The Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that ye Committee had duely weighed and considered of the said Bill & had directed him to report it without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read ye third time

Then the said Bill was read ye third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, " An Act to Explain An Act Entitled, An Act to prolong " the Currency of Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act Entitled, An Act for Emitting " Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts, and for the better support of the Government " of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned " be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the aforesaid two Bills without any amendment

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, " An Act to amend part of An Act Entitled, An Act further " to fortify the City of Albany and Town of Schenectade and for raising the sum of four Hundred " and fifty pounds to defray the Expence thereof " be read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was accordingly read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass as amended

Ordered, that the Hōnble Philip Livingston Esqr do carry the said Bill and the amendments made thereto by ye Council to the General Assembly & acquaint them that ye Council have passed that Bill with the said amendm^ts to which they desire their concurrence

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^l Schuyler & Col^l Lott with the Bill Entitled, " An Act for the better regulating the Militia of this Colony, desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Glen and Captn Winne with the Bill Entitled, " An Act to amend part of An Act Entitled, An Act further to fortify the City of Albany and " Town of Schenectade and for raising the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds to defray the " Expence thereof " and the amendments made by the Council thereto and acquainting the Council that the General Assembly do agree to all ye s^d amendments and desire that the said Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 9 of the clock

Saturday, Septr 1st, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournm^t

PRESENT— *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act for the better regulating the Militia of this Colony" be now read ye first time

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, to be read ye second time

His Excellency the Govr attended as usual being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Clerk of ye Council requiring their Immediate attendance in the Council Chamber

The General Assembly attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Excellency was then pleased to give his Assent to the eight following Acts passed this Session

1 An Act to Exempt Prize Goods from any Duty or Custom imposed by the Laws of this Colony

2 An Act to Support the Garrison and Trading House at Oswego

3 An Act to let to Farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of November 1744 to the first Day of November 1745

4 An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any criminal offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny

5 An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any criminal offences in the City and County of New York under the Degree of Grand Larceny

6 An Act to Explain An Act Entitled, An Act to prolong the Currency of Bills of Credit Emitted by Virtue of An Act Entitled, An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.

7 An Act for recovering arrearages of Taxes & Rates in the City and County of Albany and

8 An Act to amend part of An Act Entitled, An Act further to fortify the City of Albany and Town of Schenectade and for raising the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds to defray the Expence thereof

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner & his Excellency returnd to his Residence

The Council returnd to ye Council Chamber & adjournd till Tuesday morning 10 of ye clock

Tuesday, September 4th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Livingston and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entitled, "An Act to amend part of An Act Entitled, An Act for regulating the payment of "his Majesty's Quit Rents and for partition of Lands in order thereto so far as the same relates "to the partition of Lands— desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered, to be read a second time
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Pierson and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entitled, " An Act to prevent the Destruction of Sheep by Dogs desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said Bill be now read
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered to be read a second time
The Council adjourned till 4 of the clock in the afternoon

Post Merid

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT as before

The Speaker assumed the Chair
His Excellency sent to the Council by John Catherwood Esqr his private Secretary a Letter from the Commissioners for Indian Affairs to his Excellency dated the 27th of August last for their consideration and the said Letter being read was
Ordered to be Entred in the minutes and is as follows

Albany 27th of August 1744

May it please your Excellency

Since our last of the 13 Inst we received your Excellencys ffavours of 9 & 15th Instant in the first of which your Excellency orders us to provide Capt Butler with the necessary Accommodations for his voyage to Oswego which we have done, and he is accordingly gone up from hence the 21 Instant: Your Excēlly cautions us to keep Capt Butlers going to Oswego as secret as possible, but it was publick in this place before our Letters were opened: We have sent Mr Butler's son as your Excellency desired with his Father to Oswego as Interpreter upon the credit of the Government

In your Excllys favour of 15 inst your Excēlly informs us that the two officers here had complained that the Forts here and at Sarachtogo wanted repairs and your Excellency is pleased to order us that they be immediately made proper and well secured for the Accommodation of his Majesty's Troops We take leave humbly to inform your Excellency that the repairing Forts & Barracks has always been done by persons especially appointed thereto, and not by the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, otherwise we would with much pleasure execute yor Excys commands herein

We have also received your Excys further favours of 21st inst wherein your Excy orders us that an Interpreter and the whole compliment of Indians your Excy has ordered be forthwith sent to Oswego We have done all we cou'd do to get Indians to go up, to which it seems few are inclined. Mr Bleeker the Interpreter has been up to the Senecas Country the uppermost of the Six Nations, and has used his utmost endeavour to prevail on two of each Nation to go up to Oswego, and by our last account from hence, five only were arrived, and we believe more will shortly go, but think that the full compliment will not go up, and if they should we are still of opinion that they wou'd be of little service, unless a number of the Militia with ammunition and provision be sent there very speedily, without which we look upon that Place to be inevitably lost. We lately sent two Mohawks to Canada for Intelligence who returned the 24 inst, and inform us that the Caghnaweges, Schawedides & Onogonges have at the Instance of the Governour of Canada taken up the Hatchet against the Enemys of the French, and that a great number of Indians were at Montreal singing and dancing as they usually do when they go to warr, and that they judge by the posture of the Indians there, that they will shortly go afighting. Our Indians also inform us that by what they can learn at Canada from some of the Indians there, they believe that the French will shortly attack Oswego

We are

Yours Excēllys &ca

Myndert Schuyler
Abm Cuyler
Corns Cuyler
Dirk Ten Brook
Nicholas Bleeker
Johs Lansing
John Depeyster

The Council taking into Consideration the aforesd Letter, and being informed that his Excellency had communicated the same to the General Assembly and conceiving the matters therein mentioned to be of the highest Importance to this province

Ordered, that the Hōnble Joseph Murray Esqr acquaint the General Assembly that ye Council desire a free conference with that Hōnble House on ye subject matter of the s^{d} Letter in the Court House in ye City Hall at eleven of the clock to morrow morning.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^{l} Philipse & Mr Richard to acquaint the Council that they will meet them at a free conference to morrow morning 11 of the clock at the place appointed according to their message of this Day

The Chief Justice acquainting the Council that he was to go the Circuit to morrow

Ordered, that as there are several affairs of the highest Consequence before the Council that he do attend that service

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 9 of ye clock

Wednesday, Septr 5th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to amend part of An Act Entitled, An Act for "regulating the payment of his Majestyes Quit Rents and for Partition of Lands in order "thereto so far as relates to the Partition of Lands" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to prevent the Destruction of Sheep by Dogs, be now read ye 2^{d} time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

The Council adjourned during pleasure to go to the ffree conference

The Council being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Council adjourned till three of the clock in ye afternoon

Post Merid

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT as before

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council adjourned during pleasure to return to the free conference

The Council being returned from ye conference

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Hōnble Cadwallader Colden Esqr reported that the Council had met the General Assembly at the free Conference on the Subject matter of his Excellency's Message of yesterday and that they had there agreed that the preservation of Oswego is of the highest Importance, and that it would be proper to send a reinforcement of fifty men of the County of Albany to that Garrison, and that Orders be sent to the Commanding Officer of the Militia of that County, to march such Force as may be sufficient to repel the Enemy in case it should be attacked. And that the Assembly have resolved to make good any Expence that may arise for the Defence and Security thereof, and that the Assembly desired the Council to appoint a Committee to Join a Committee of their House to draw up an Address to his Excellency to ye purport aforesaid

Resolved, that the Honourable Cadwallader Colden, Philip Livingston, James De Lancey & Joseph Murray Esq^{rs} be a Committee to meet ye Committee of the General Assembly accordingly And that they meet at seven of the clock this Evening at the House of Mr Edward Willet

Ordered, that ye Hōnble Archibald Kennedy Esqr acquaint the General Assembly therewith

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^{l} Schuyler & Mr Cornel to acquaint ye Council that that House have appointed Col^{l} Morris, Col^{l} Philipse, Captn Livingston, Mr Verplanck M^{r}

Nicol, Mr Richard, Mr Jones & Col[l] Beekman to be a Committee of their House to meet ye committee of the Council at ye time & place and upon the subject matter of their Message of this day

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of ye clock

Thursday, Septr 6th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr reported from the Committee appointed yesterday to meet a Committee of the General Assembly in order to prepare a Draught of An Address to his Excellency that the two Committees had met accordingly and agreed upon the sd Address which he delivered in at ye Table where the same was read and approved of

Ordered, that the Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that ye Council do approve of the Draught of An Address to his Excellency prepared by the Joint Committees

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An for the better regulating the Militia of this Colony" be now read ye second time

Then the said Bill was read ye second time and

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

A Message from the General Assembly by Col[l] Morris and Mr Jones to acquaint the Council that that House have agreed to and approved of the Address to his Excellency prepar'd by a Joint Committee of both Houses and that when ye same is engrossed & the Speaker of the Council has signed it the Speaker of ye General Assembly will sign it likewise

Ordered, that the said Address be engrossed

The same being Engrossed was read &

Ordered to be Entred in the Minutes and is as follows

To his Excellency The Honble GEORGE CLINTON Esqr Captain General and Governour in Chief in & over the province of New York and the Territories thereon depending in America Vice Admiral of the same and Rear Admiral of the Red Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

"The Humble ADDRESS of the Council and the General Assembly of the Colony "of New York

"We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal Subjects the Council and General Assembly of the "Colony of New York return your Excellency our Thanks for the Intilligence you were pleased "to communicate to us of the Designs of the French agt Oswego

"We are fully sensible of the Importance of that Fortress not only to this but to all the "Neighbouring Colonys as it secures the Six Nations of Indians in their Fidelity Therefore "we beg leave humbly to advise your Excellency for the further security of that place against "any attempts of the French to order thither a detachmt of Fifty Men of the Militia of the "County of Albany with a sufficient supply of ammunition & provisions and if the Enemy "should attack that place to order such a Force as your Excellency shall think sufficient to "relieve it; and the General Assembly assure your Excellency that they will make Good all "such Expences as may arise for the Defence and Security of that Important place

"And we further beg Leave to assure your Excellency that we will chearfully contribute "every thing in our power for the Defence & Safety of this Colony and the Repelling any "attempts of the Enemy

Ordered, that the Hōnble Cadwallader Colden sign the said Address in behalf of the Council

Ordered, that the Hōnble Philip Livingston Esqr do Carry the Engrossed Address to ye General Assembly signed by order of the Council by the Hōnble Cadwallader Colden Esqr Speaker thereof; And desire they would direct their Speaker to sign it likewise; And also acquaint them that ye Council have appointed the Honble James De Lancey Esqr to wait on his Excellency with the sd Address with such of that Honble House as they shall appoint

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplanck & Mr Renselaer with the engrossed Address of both Houses to acquaint the Council that they have appointed Col[l] Morris & Col[l] Schuyler to Joyn with ye Honble James De Lancey Esqr to wait on his Excelly with the sd Engrossed Address

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

Fryday, Sepr 7th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Hōnble Archibald Kennedy Esqr Receiver General of this province presented to the Council his Memorial setting forth that finding a Bill sent up to the Council by the General Assembly for Amending An Act Entituled, An Act for regulating the payment of his Majesty's Quit Rents and for Partition of Lands in order thereto and observing that the Bill now before the Council Relates only to that part of the Act for partition of Lands The Memorialist begd Leave to make some observations on that part of the Act which Related to the Quit Rents & on the whole observ'd that as the Act now stands His Majesty is prevented from Recovering his Quit Rents due But no remedy is given that he had not before and therefore hopes proper amendmts will be made to the aforesd Bill now before ye Councill.

The Deputy Surveyor and Auditor of his Majesty's Revenues within this province likewise presented to the Council a Memorial setting forth, that ye Memorialist perceiving that their Honours had now under their consideration ye Bill Entitled, An Act for amending the Act Entituled, An Act for regulating the payment of his Majesty's Quit Rents, and for partition of Lands in order thereto, so far as the same relates to the partition of Lands. And the Memorialist conceiving it for his Majesty's service that the other part of the said act should come under the Consideration of the Council, and be also Amended, Humbly hoped their Honours would make such Amendments to the said Act and the Bill now before them, as his Majesty's Service required and to them should seem meet

Which Memorials having been read

Resolved, that the Council will take the same into consideration on Tuesday next

A Message from the General Assembly with the Bill Entitled, An Act to continue An Act Entitled, An Act for amending and keeping in repair the Publick wells and Pumps in the City of New York desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read ye first time and

Ordered to be read a second time

The Council adjourned till three of the clock in the afternoon

Post Merid

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Hōnble James De Lancey Esqr reported that himself with Col[l] Morris & Col[l] Schuyler from the General Assembly had waited on his Excellency with the Joint Address of both Houses to which his Excellency was pleased to return a favourable Answer which being read was

Ordered, to be Entred in ye minutes and is as follows

" *Gentlemen of the Council & General Assembly*

" I thank you for your Address and for this Instance of your care for the safety of that " Important Fortress of Oswego and the Province in General I shall comply with your advice " and shall dispatch my orders to send up the reinforcement you mention immediately

G Clinton

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entitled, " An " Act for the better regulating the Militia of this Colony " and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had made some progress in the said Bill and had made some amendments thereto and desired leave to sit again

Ordered, that Leave be given accordingly

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 9 of ye clock

Saturday, Septr 8th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Honble* Cadwallader Colden Esqr, Speaker,

Philip Livingston,
Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Philip Cortlandt,
Daniel Horsmanden,
Joseph Murray, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee further to consider of the Bill Entitled, " An Act for the better regulating the Militia of this Colony

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made on Wednesday morning next

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to continue An Act Entitled, An Act for mending & " keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the City of New York " be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered, to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

The Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 9 of the clock

Tuesday, Septr 11th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Honble* Cadwallader Colden, Esqr, Speaker,

Philip Livingston,
Arch^d Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Philip Cortlandt,
Daniel Horsmanden,
Joseph Murray, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Richard & Col^l Lot with the Bill Entitled, "An Act to " raise and collect in this Colony the sum of three thousand two hundred pounds for putting it " in a proper posture of Defence and for discharging the several services which the present " state of affairs makes it necessary to provide for, desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read the second time

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Nicol & Mr Ludlow with the Bill Entitled, "An Act for "the Relief of ye poor in the Counties of Suffolk and Orange" desiring ye concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read a second time

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Ludlow & Mr Tappan with the Bill Entitled, "An Act "to authorize the Justices of the peace in the Countys of Dutchess and Orange in their General "Sessions to direct so many other constables and Overseers of the Highways to be chosen in "the several precincts as to them shall seem meet" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered to be read a second time

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of ye clock

Wednesday, Septr 12th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournmt

Present — *The Honble* Cadwallader Colden, Esq, Speaker,

Philip Livingston,
Archd Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Philip Cortlandt,
Daniel Horsmanden,
Joseph Murray, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the Assembly by Captn Van Horne & Mr Abraham Lott with the Bill Entitled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entitled, An Act for & towards supporting the "Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned from the "first day of December 1740 to the first day of December 1741" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read the second time

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Stilwell and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entitled, "An "Act to continue An Act Entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers & Pedlars within this Colony "from selling without Lycence, desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the sd Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read the second time

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act for the relief of the poor in the Countys of Suffolk "and Orange" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to authorize the Justices of the peace in the Countys "of Dutchess & Orange in their General Sessions to direct so many other constables and "overseers of the High ways to be chosen in the several precincts as to them shall seem meet, be now read ye second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time & committed to the Gentlemen of the Council

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be please to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

The Honble Daniel Horsmanden Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the same & had directed him to report it with severall amendments

Then the said amendments were read and being agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entitled, "An Act "to continue An Act Entitled, An Act for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells "and Pumps in the City of New York

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through ye same & had directed him to report it without amendm^t

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time

The Hõnble Daniel Horsmanden Esq Chairman of the Committee to whom the Bill Entitled, "An Act for the better regulating the Militia of this Colony" was referred according to order in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and having duely weighed & considered the same had made several amendm^ts thereto which he delivered in

Then the said Amendm^ts were read and on the Question being put were severally agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended

Then the Council adjourned till 4 of ye clock in the ye afternoon

Post Merid

PRESENT as before

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act for the better regulating the Militia of this Colony" be now read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was accordingly read the third time

And on the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass as amended

Ordered, that the Hõnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do carry the said Bill with the amendments made thereunto by the Council to the General Assembly & acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with those Amendments to which they desire their concurrence

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to continue An Act for mending and keeping in "repair the publick wells and pumps in the City of New York" be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hõnble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment

The Councill resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entitled, "An "Act for the Relief of the poor in the Counties of Suffolk and Orange

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Hõnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the same & had directed him to report it without any amendm^t

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time

Thursday, Sepr 13th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to authorize the Justices of the peace in the Counties "of Dutchess & Orange in their General Sessions to direct so many other constables and overseers

"of the Highways to be chosen in the several precincts as to them shall seem meet, be now read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was accordingly read ye third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass as amended

Ordered, that the Hönble James De Lancey Esqr do carry the said Bill with the Councils amendments thereto to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with those amendments to which they desire their concurrence

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to raise and collect in this Colony the sum of three "thousand two hundred pounds for putting it into a proper posture of Defence and for discharging "the several services which the present state of affairs makes it necessary to provide for" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered, to be committed to the Gentlemen of ye Council or any five of them

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entitled, An Act for and "towards supporting the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Duties "therein mentioned from the first Day of December 1740 to ye first Day of December 1741" be now read ye second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of ye Council or any five of them

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to continue An Act Entitled, An Act to restrain "Hawkers & Pedlars within this Colony from Selling without Lycence" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read ye second time &

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of ye Council or any five of them

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act for the Relief of the poor in the Counties of Suffolk "& Orange" be now read ye third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

*Fryday, Sept^r^* 14th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^l^ Morris & Mr Verplanck with the Bill Entitled, "An Act for securing of his Majesty's Government of New York" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard & Mr Nicol with the Bill Entitled, "An Act for the better Regulating the Militia of this Colony, and the Amendments made by the Council thereto and to acquaint the Council that that House do agree to all the amendments Except the 6th 18th 19th & 35th

Then the said Amendments were read and the Council taking the same into consideration the Question was put

Whether the Council do adhere to their Sixth Amendment?

The Council thought proper to recede from the said Amendment

Then the 18th Amendment was again read and the Question was put

Whether the Council do adhere to that amendm^t^?

Resolved unanimously, to adhere to the said amendment

Then the 19th amendment was again read and the Question put?

Whether the Council do adhere to that amendm^t^

Resolved unanimously, to adhere to ye s^d^ amendm^t^

Then the 35th amendment was again read and the like Question put

The Council thought proper to recede from the said amendment

Ordered, that the Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do carry back the said Bill & amendments to ye General Assembly & acquaint them that the Council have unanimously Resolved to adhere to their 18th & 19th amendments but do recede from the sixth and 35th

A Message from the General Assembly by M^{r} Le Count & Mr Stilwell with the Bill Entitled, " An Act to alter the time of Electing the Vestry men & Church Wardens in the County of " Richmond" desiring the concurrence of the Council

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read the second time

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entitled, " An " Act to continue An Act Entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony " from selling without Lycence, and also of the Bill Entitled, " An Act further to continue An " Act Entitled, An Act for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony by granting " to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned from the first day of Decr 1740 to ye first day of " Decr 1741

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bills and being agreed on the Report by them to be made thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bills were referred in his place reported that the Councill had gone through ye same and had directed him to report them without any amendm^{t}

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the said Bills were

Ordered to be read the third time

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnble Philip Livingston Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that ye Council have passed the said Bills without any amendm^{t}

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Haasbrook & Mr Tappan with the Bill Entitled, " An Act for the better clearing & further laying out Publick High Roads in Dutchess County" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered to be read the second time

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entitled, " An " Act to amend part of An Act Entitled, An Act for Regulating the payment of his Majesty's " Quit Rents and for partition of Lands in order thereto so far as the same relates to the partition " of Lands

The Council having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their report thereon when the Councill would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

The Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report it with an amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be read ye third time as amended

Then the said Bill was accordingly read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass as amended

Ordered, that the Hōnble Archibald Kennedy Esqr do carry the said Bill with the amendment to the General Assembly & acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with that amendment to which they desire their concurrence

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ludlow and Mr Tappen to acquaint the Council that the Assembly cannot agree to the amendments made by the Council to the Bill Entituled, An Act to authorize the Justices of the peace in the County of Dutchess and Orange in their General Sessions to direct so many other Constables and overseers of the High Ways to be chosen in the Several Precincts as to them shall seem meet

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Morris & Coll Philipse to acquaint the Council that the Assembly do agree to the 18th and 19th amendments made by the Council to the Bill Entituled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia of this Colony and desire it may be amended accordingly

A Message from the Assembly by Collonel Morris and Mr Ludlow with the Bill Entituled, An Act to amend part of An Act Entituled, An Act for Regulating the payment of his Majesties Quit Rents and for Partition of Lands in order thereto, so far as the same relates to the Partition of Lands and the amendments made by the Council thereto and to acquaint the Council that that House do not agree to the Amendments made by the Council to the said Bill

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of ye clock

*Saturday, Sept*r 15th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

Mr LIVINGSTON,
Mr KENNEDY,
Mr CHIEF JUSTICE,
Mr HORSMANDEN,
Mr MURRAY.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, "An Act "to raise and collect in this Colony the sum of three thousand two hundred pounds for putting "it in a proper posture of Defence and for discharging the several services which ye present "state of Affairs make it necessary to provide for

The Committee having made some progress in the said Bill

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had made some progress on the said Bill and desired leave to sit again

Ordered, that Leave be given accordingly

Ordered that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to alter the time of Electing the Vestry Men & "Church Wardens in Richmond County, be now read ye second time

Then the said Bill was read ye second time and committed

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

The Hōnble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported That the Committee had gone through ye sd Bill and had directed him to report it with an Amendmt

The said Amendment was read and the Report on the Question [being] put [was] approved of and agreed to

Ordered, that the said Bill be read ye third time as amended

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for Securing his Majesty's Government of New York be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read ye second time & committed to the Gentlemen of the Council of any five of them

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for ye better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in Dutchess County be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time & committed.

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill

The Committee having duely weighed and Considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when ye Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

The Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom ye sd Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the sd Bill and had directed him to report it without Amendment

Which Report on ye Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be read ye third time

A Message from the Assembly by Coll Morris & Coll Philipse with the Bill Entitled, "An Act "for paying out of the Funds appropriated for the support of this Government the salaries and "services therein mentioned, desiring the concurrence of the Council

Then the said Bill was read ye first time &

Ordered a second reading

A Message from ye Assembly by Mr Richard & Mr Stilwell with the Bill Entitled, An Act for Naturalizing Isaac Abrahams & Peter De Wint desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read yr first time &

Ordered to be read a second time

The Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 of ye clock

*Tuesday, Sept*r 18th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to alter the time of Electing the Vestry men and "Church Wardens in Richmond County be now read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was read ye third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the sd Bill do pass as amended

Ordered, that the Honble Joseph Murray Esqr do carry the said Bill with the amendment made thereto by the Council to the General Assembly & acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with that amendmt to which they desire their concurrence

A Message from the Assembly by Captn Van Horne & Capn Livingston with ye Bill Entitled, "An Act to Establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of ships and other Vessels using the "three Wharfs therein mentioned, desiring the concurrence of the Council

Then the said Bill was read ye first time &

Ordered, to be read ye second time

The Council taking into consideration their amendment made to the Bill Entitled, "An Act "to amend part of An Act Entitled, An Act for Regulating the payment of his Majestyes Quit "Rents and for partition of Lands in order thereto so far as the same Relates to ye partition of "Lands, and the said amendment having been read

Resolved, that the Council do recede from their said amendment

Ordered, that ye Honble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the Assembly therewith

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act for ye better clearing & further laying out publick "High Roads in Dutchess County" be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read ye third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the Assembly that ye Council have passed the said Bill without any amendmt

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entitled, An Act to prevent the Destruction of Sheep by Dogs

The Council having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when ye Council would be pleased to receive ye same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

The Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that ye Committee had gone through ye same and had directed him to report the same with some amendments

Which Amendmts having been read were agreed to & approved of and

Ordered, that ye sd Bill be read ye third time as amended

Then the said Bill was accordingly read ye third time &

On ye Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass as amended

Ordered, that ye Honble James De Lancey Esqr do carry the said Bill and Amendmts to ye General Assembly & acquaint them that ye Council have passed the sd Bill with those Amendmt, to which they desire their concurrence

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Le Count & Mr Stilwell with the Bill Entitled, An Act to prevent the destruction of Sheep by Dogs & ye Councils amendments thereto and to acquaint them that ye Assembly do agree to ye sd amendmts & desire ye Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the sd Bill was accordingly amended

The Council adjourned till 4 Pt Merid

Post Merid

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT as before

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from ye Assembly by Mr Richard & Captn Van Horne with the Bill Entitled, An Act to lay a Duty on Empty Casks not made in this Colony that shall be imported into the City of New York, desiring ye concurrence of ye Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read ye first time &

Ordered to be read ye second time

A Message from the Assembly by Cap^n^ Winne & Mr Glen with the Bill Entitled, An Act for raising the sum of three hundred pounds for finishing & compleating the Fortifications in the City of Albany desiring the concurrence of ye Council

Then the said Bill was read ye first time &

Ordered to be read ye second time

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of the clock

*Wednesday, Sept^r^* 19th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournm^t^

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to Establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships & other Vessells using the three Wharfs therein mentioned, be now read ye second time

Then the said Bill was read ye 2^d^ time &

Ordered to be committed

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when ye Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that ye s^d^ Report be now made

The Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of ye Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that ye Committee had gone through the said Bill & had directed him to Report it without Amendm^t^

Which Report on ye Question being put was agreed to & approved of &

Ordered, that ye s^d^ Bill be read ye third time

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to lay a Duty on Empty Casks not made in this Colony that shall be imported into the City of New York, be now read the second time

The said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be Committed

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for raising the sum of three hundred pounds for finishing and compleating the Fortifications in the City of Albany, be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read ye second time &

Ordered to be committed

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bills

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bills & being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would receive ye same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

The Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bills were referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through ye same & had directed him to Report y^m^ without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of &

Ordered, that the said Bills be severall read ye third time

Ordered, that ye Bill Entitled, An Act for naturalizing Isaac Abrahams & Peter De Wint be now read ye second time

Then the said Bill was read ye second time &

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 of ye clock

Thursday, Septr 20th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT— *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that ye Bill Entitled, An Act to Establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of ships and other Vessels using the three Wharfs therein mentioned, be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read ye third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to lay a Duty on Empty Casks not made in this Colony that shall be imported into the City of New York be now read ye third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that ye said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that ye Council have passed the said Bills without any amendm^t

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for raising ye sum of three hundred pounds for finishing and compleating the Fortifications in the City of Albany be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time &

On the Question being put

Whether the said Bill do pass?

It passed in the affirmative

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment

The Council resolved themselves into a Comittee to consider of the Bill Entitled, "An Act "for Naturalizing Isaac Abrahams & Peter De Wint

The Council having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when ye Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed ye Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Honble Daniel Horsmanden Chairman of ye Cõmee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that ye Council had gone through ye said Bill & had directed him to report the same with some amendm^ts

Then ye s^d amendm^ts were read &

On the Question being put ye Report was agreed to & approved of and

Ordered, that ye s^d Bill be read ye third time as amended

Then the said Bill was accordingly read ye third time &

On ye Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass as amended

Ordered, that ye Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do carry the s^d Bill with the amendm^ts af^d to ye Assembly & acquaint them that ye Council have passed the s^d Bill with those amendm^ts to which they desire their concurrence

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of ye Bill Entitled, An Act for securing his Majesty's Government of New York

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of ye s^d Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the s^d Report be now made

The Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the s^d Bill was referred in his place reported that the Council had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with several amendments

Then ye s^d amendments were read &
On the Question being put were agreed to and approved of
Ordered that the s^d Bill be read ye third time as amended
The said Bill was accordingly read ye third time &
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass as amended
Ordered, that the Honble Joseph Murray Esqr do carry the said Bill & amendm^ts to the General Assembly & acquaint them that ye Council have passed that Bill with those amendm^ts to which they desire their concurrence
A Message from ye Assembly by Mr Richard & Mr Stilwell with ye Bill Entitled, "An Act for Naturalizing Isaac Abrahams & Peter De Wint & ye Councils amendments thereto & to acquaint them that ye Assembly do agree to those amendm^ts & desire ye Bill may be amended accordingly
Then ye s^d Bill was accordingly amended
The Council resolved themselves into a Committee further to consider of the Bill Entitled, An Act to raise & collect in this Colony the sum of three thousand & two hundred pounds for putting it in a proper posture of Defence and for discharging the several services which ye present state of affairs makes it necessary to provide for
The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same
Ordered, that the said Report be now made
The Honble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through ye said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment
Ordered, that the said Bill be now read ye third time
Then the s^d Bill was read ye third time &
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass
Ordered, that the Honble James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendm^t
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 9 of the clock

Fryday, Septr 21st, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
His Excellency communicated to the Council by Jno Catherwood Esqr his private secretary a Message he had received from the General Assembly which was read &
Ordered to be Entred in ye Minutes & is as follows
The House (according to order) took into consideration "His Excellencys Message of "yesterday and do remember that in the Speech he was pleas'd to make at the beginning of "this meeting it was proposed to concert measures about the conduct of the war with "Commissioners from the Province of the Massachusetts Bay
"It may likewise be remembred that in expectation of their soon being here (as it was "generally given out) the House did not enter upon Publick Affairs so early nor with that "Dispatch as it would otherwise have done
"It may be also remembred that the House has however made such provision for the service "and security of the Colony and come to such Resolutions concerning other events that may "happen, as has been allowed to be as much as could be done at present
"And upon the whole the House is unanimously of opinion that it would be imprudent in "them to engage in any scheme before a plan of it was imparted to them from which they might "form a Judgment of the thing and how far the Colony might be able assist in Execution "thereof
"*Ordered*, that Col Morris and Col Philipse wait on his Excellency with the above opinion "of this House on his last Messuage
The Council taking into consideration the printed Votes and proceedings of the Assembly on the 5 Instant and likewise their answer of the 19 Instant to his Excys Message to them which his Excellency was pleased to communicate to the Council this day and observing several

mistakes and misrepresentations contained in the said printed Votes on which they conceived the said answer to his Excellencys Message was erroneously grounded

Ordered, that the Hono^ble^ Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council do desire a conferrence with y^m^ to morrow morning at 11 o clock in the Court Room &c upon the subject matter of the printed Votes and proceedings of that House on the 5th Instant with respect to some mistakes which the Council conceive to be therein committed touching the representation of the proceedings at the conferrence between the Council and General Assembly held that day and that they have appointed the Hono^ble^ James De Lancey and Joseph Murray Esq^rs^ to be Mannagers on behalf of the Council at the said conferrence, and that they desire the General Assembly would appoint Mannagers to meet the Mannagers of the Council at the time and place aforesaid

Ordered, that the Hono^ble^ James De Lancey and Joseph Murray Esq^rs^ do prepare a Draught of reasons to be offered at the said Conferrence

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Livingston and Mr Winne to acquaint the Council that the Assembly agree to the amendments made to the Bill Entituled, An Act for Securing his Majesties Governm^t^ of New York and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Pierson and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled, An Act to prevent the destruction of Sheep by Dogs and ye Councils amendments thereto and acquaint them that the Assembly have agreed to the said amendments and desire the said Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, An Act for paying out of the ffunds appropriated for Support of this Government the Salaries and Services therein mentioned

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

The Hono^ble^ Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report it without any Amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that ye said Bill be read the third time and

On ye Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble^ James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment

Then the Council adjourned till 3 of the clock Post Merid

The Council met according to adjournm^t^

PRESENT as before

The Hono^ble^ James De Lancey and Joseph Murray Esq^rs^ laid before the Council a Draught of Reasons to be offered at the Conferrence with the General Assembly according to the order of this morning which having been read were approved of and

Ordered, to be entred in the Minutes and are as follow

REASONS to be offered by the Managers for the Council at the Conferrence

The Council having perused the report of the free conferrence between the Council and Assembly printed in your votes and proceedings on the 5th Instant found themselves under a necessity of having a conferrence with you, in order to rectifye some mistakes in the penning of those minutes.

First, it is therein incerted, "that your House being returned from the said free conferrence (i: e. "from the second meeting in the afternoon) the Speaker resumed the Chair and reported that "Coll Morris having acquainted the Council with the Reasons why the House conceived that a "ffort at the place mentioned by them would be far from Answering the end they had proposed "by it and that those reasons seemd satisfactory to the Council

On this part of the report the Council observe that they in no wise expressed that seeming satisfaction, nor did they think the Arguments offered by the Assembly against building a ffort at ye place recommended by the Council, could be judged to countervail the Reasons they had assigned for it. The Reasons given by the Council in the morning of that day's conferrence, for building a fort at the particular place by them mentioned, were in substance as follows

That Place is a Pass of great consequence, which 'tis necessary to keep open to preserve a communication between Albany and Oswego and other places of Importance, for sending & receiving Intelligence, and to secure the march and retreat of fforces, on any emergency, that

might require it in this time of warr, and that if a ffort be not built there, that pass may be in danger of falling into the Enemys hands. These Reasons were particularly and largely urged and explained by the Council, besides some others then offered by them, which they conceive to be of great weight, though prudence forbids the publishing them on this occasion

In answer to which the Managers for ye Assembly in the afternoon of that days Conferrence Said,

"That their House had come to a Resolution and it was their unanimous opinion, that "if a ffort was erected at the place recommended by the Council, it would in no wise answer "^r^ the end they proposed by it;" to the purpose as it appears in the printed minutes of proceeding page 38. 39 and assigned their reasons for that opinion in substance as follows

For that people might march from Albany to ye places mentioned in ye Conference without going through that pass, and that an Eschort of 25 men would on all occasions serve the purposes proposed by the Council for building that ffort

Whereupon the Council observe; That as it was not denyed the place proposed is now ye common pass from Albany to the places mentioned by the Council, and that every other way must lead a greater circuit, and is more dificult for travelling, (which is likewise notorious) the Council leaves it to be Judged, whither the answers of the Assembly to ye Reasons offered by the Council on this head could seem to be satisfactory to them

Tis true the Council gave no reply to this answer of the Assembly in the afternoon, because they were told in express terms that the Assembly had before hand come to a Resolution on this point, and after it had been taken notice of as Extriordinary, that the Assembly (whilst the Conferrence was kept open for further debate) should have prejudged the matter by coming to a Resolution upon it before the Conferrence was at an end; This Expression was endeavoured to be paliated by saying it was the unanimous opinion of the Assembly. and therefore the Council think themselves well Justifyed in their forbearance to urge a point further at that time upon which they were told the Assembly had already determined, or which was against their unanimous opinion, the doing of which the Council could not but Judge to be in vain, however reasonable ye thing it self might appear to be; and when the disputing the Assemblys reasons on that Head would probably have tended to no other purpose than to retard or prev^t^ other Resolutions of your House, which the Council thought necessary to be taken without delay

In the second place the Council observe that in the said printed minutes of proceedings it is inserted "That the Council did allow no more could be expected to be done at present upon this occasion" i. e. as the Council must suppose the said printed minutes were intended to insinuate that the Council did allow no more could be expected to be done at that time by the Assembly with respect to all those matters which were the subjects of debate in that Conferrence

Whereas the Council were far from making any such general concessions or allowance

The Council observe that the report made to your House upon your return from the Conferrence in ye afternoon, according to the said printed minutes consisted of three particulars, besides the first article concerning the building a ffort already spoken to, the two first relating to Oswego, the third and last touching the Councils proposals for both Houses joining in an Address to his Excellency, Entered in these words "And Lastly that if ye Council thought proper to address "his Exc^y^ on those two Heads, the House would join therein" And then concludes with the following words "And that the Council did allow no more could be expected to be done at "present upon this occasion i. e than what the Assembly had agreed to, which general assertion, as the Council conceive does conclude to every topick which was the subj^t^ of the debates at that Conferrence, and if it were intended so to be understood, the Council must insist twas founded on misapprehension or mistake, had the report concluded the first & second of these three particulars with the general assertion that concludes the third "That the Council did allow no "more could be expected to be done at present upon this occasion, i. e. with respect to those two particulars concerning Oswego, then the Representation had been proper and Just, for it must and ought, and cannot but be remembred, That as relative and pertinent to the affair of Oswego and ye building a Fort at the pass mentioned in the Conference, the Council did strenuously urge the Assembly to come to a Resolution to make provission for defraying the Expence of Commissioners to be appointed by his Ex^y^ to treat with others already appointed by the neighbouring Governments, touching the conduct of the war in these parts against the subjects of the ffrench King, pursuant to his Excellencys Recomendation in his speech at the opening of this Session, and that the same might be incerted in the Address then proposed to be joined in, for ye reasons offered by the Council which were in substance as follow

That such a Resolution in the Assembly would in all probability have the following good effects

1st As to the Indians. As those people know the strength of our Colonys to be far Superior to the ffrench our near neighbours and that these Colonys uniting in a common defence, and entering into measures for a joint conduct of the War in these parts, as well offensively as defensively such a conjunction would be the most likely means of securing the Six Nations of Indians in their fidelity to his Britanick Majesty, and prevent their being seduced by the ffrench

2dly As to the ffrench in these parts on this Continent. That such an Union and concert of measures upon the present conjuncture, might also be a means of deterring the ffrench (who

twas likely would soon be informed of such an event) from making any attacks upon our Settlements and moreover that twas most probable when the rest of the Colonys should be informed that such commissioners were appointed by this Governm^t for these ends, they might be induced to follow so laudable Examples, and join with us in the Support of the before mentioned important Fortress, and assist us with a proportion of men and money for y^t purpose

To all which no other answer could be obtained from the Assembly than that they waited to see the Commissioners from Boston at this place

To which ye Council replyed in substance That the Expectation of seeing Commissioners from Boston at this place, was so far from being a good reason for the Assemblys delay of resolving upon so material a point that twas most likely the reason that retarded the Journey of those Commissioners hither was that they did not hear that the Assembly had as yet come to a Resolution to make a provision for this purpose according to his Excellencys Recommendation, and that this was the very reason that hindred these commissioners from coming hither, appeared to the House soon after, by a paragraph of a letter from one of them to a Member of your House, which was communicated to you so that from the time of this notice, at least, the Expectation of seeing those Commissioners here, must have ceased, nor can ye Council conceive any just colour or pretence for ye making use of this expectation as a reason for delaying any other publick business (which bore no relation to this point) antecedent to this notice, and assigning it as the cause of protracting this Session to so great a length, this is what ye Council could never have immagined to have been realy the case, nor that it could have been made use of as such, had not his Excellency been pleased to lay before the Council your answer to his Excellencys Message of the 18th Instant reiterating his Recommendation for your making provision for this material article; His Excelleney might well be surprized and utterly at a loss to know the meaning that your House should exact in so elevated a Style the general Assent to Facts to which his Exc^y and the Council were utter strangers His Excelleney could not know but your opinion might be grounded upon some transactions between the two Houses which had not yet fallen under his notice, and therefore was pleased to refer it to ye Council if perchance they might be able to unfold the mystery

And as this answer to ye Governours Message does in ye Judgment of the Council relate to ye last mentioned point proposed by the Council at ye last conferrence, and does plainly allude to and is founded upon ye same mistakes apparent in the before mentioned printed minutes of the proceedings, the Council conceive they very properly animadvert upon it in their debates at this time, as Relative to the subject matter of that conferrence And the Council will not doubt but the Assembly will do Justice to his Excellency as well as the Council and themselves in Rectifying the said printed minutes of proceedings

A Message from his Excelleney by the Deputy Clerk of the Council acquainting them that his Exc^y being Indisposed with the Gout required their attendance at his Residence at Greenwich

The Council adjourned to his Excelleneys at Greenwich where being met

His Excellency in presence of the Council and General Assembly gave his assent to the following Bills vizt

An Act for the better regulating the Militia of this Colony

An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for mending and keeping in repair the publick wells and pumps in the City of New York

An Act to amend part of An Act for regulating the payment of his Majestyes Quit Rents and for partition of Lands in order thereto so far as the same relates to the partition of Lands

An Act to prevent the Distruction of Sheep by Doggs

An Act to raise and collect in this Colony the sum of three thousand two hundred pounds for puting it in a proper posture of defence and for discharging the several services which the present state of affairs makes it necessary to provide for

An Act to authorize the Justices of the peace in the Countys of Dutchess and Orange in their Genl Sessions to [illegible] so many other constables and overseers of the Highways to be chosen in the several precincts as to them shall seem meet

An Act for the Relief of the poor in the Counties of Suffolk and Orange

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the dutys therein mentioned from the 1st day of December 1740 to the 1st day of December 1741

An Act to continue [An Act] Entituled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycence

An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in Dutchess County

An Act for securing his Majestys Governm^t in New York

An Act to alter the time of electing Vestry men and Church wardens in Richmond County

An Act for paying out of the funds appropriated for support of this Government the salaries services therein mentioned

An Act to Establish the Rates to be taken for wharfage of ships and other vessells using the three wharfs therein mention'd

An Act to lay a duty on Empty Casks not made in this Colony that shall be imported into the City of New York

An Act for raising the sum of three hundred pounds for finishing and compleating the Fortification in the City of Albany and
An Act for naturalizing Isaac Abrahams and Peter De Wint
After which the Council returned to the City Hall

PRESENT as before

The aforesaid Acts were published in the usual manner And his Excellency having directed the General Assembly to adjourn themselves to the first Tuesday in November next
The Council adjourned to the first Tuesday in the month of November

Tuesday, November the 6th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournmt but as there was not a sufft number of ye members of the Genl Assembly met to proceed on business the Council adjourned to the first Tuesday in December next.

Tuesday, December the 4th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournmt and further adjourned themselves to the first Tuesday in ffebruary next.
On which day the Council met & adjourned themselves to the first Tuesday in March follg

Tuesday, March the 5th, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournmt and his Excellency the Govr having prorogued the General Assembly to the 12 Instant The Council adjourned to the same day

TWENTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY FOURTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *began at the City Hall in the City of* New York, *on* Tuesday *the* 12 *of* March, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
His Excellency being come to the Council Chamber attended as usual sent a Message by the Deputy Clerk of the Council to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance at the Council Chamber
The General Assembly attending accordingly with their Speaker
His Excellency made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly
After which his Excellency left the Council Chamber
The Speaker resumed the Chair
Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read. Which being read was
Ordered to be entred in the minutes & is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council, and the General Assembly,

At this critical Conjuncture, I flatter myself, you are met with warm Dispositions, to exert your most vigorous Endeavours, in promoting his Majesty's Service, and the true Interest of your Country.

From the Attempts made by the French, last Summer, upon Annapolis-Royal, the Province of the Massachusets-Bay, animated with a becoming Resentment of the Indignity, have been meditating a Design against the French Settlements, to prevent the like Invasions for the future, upon that, or any other of his Majesty's Colonies in those Parts; and after a minute Examination and Enquiry into the Strength of their Forces and Fortifications, by Persons well acquainted with them, both in Peace and War, the Legislature of that Province, came to a Resolution to make an Attack upon them, with such Land and naval Force, as they can raise amongst themselves, such of his Majesty's Ships of War, as may be had, and such Ships and Land Forces, as they depend upon having added to their Strength, by Assistance from the neighbouring Governments, to act in Concert with them.

Upon this Head, Governor Shirley, sent two of the Commissioners for that Province hither, and wrote to me in the most pressing Terms, to recommend it to you in the strongest Manner, to contribute a proportional Strength, of Land and naval Force, to join them upon this important Enterprize, not doubting but we should be sensible how much the Success of it, would redound to his Majesty's Service, the Interest of the British Dominions in general, as well as the Northern Colonies in particular.

For my Part, being convinced, how manifestly this Expedition, is calculated for the Honour of his Majesty, and the Interest of his Subjects, I did upon the Occasion, what has been requested, and could be expected from me imediately, and what I thought behoved me to do, with the utmost Dispatch. upon the publick Faith; I have sent away ten Pieces of Field Ordnance to Boston, with their Implements, without which all other Preparations must have been frustrated; and I do most earnestly recommend it to you, to use all Diligence, in taking proper Measures, that this Province may bear its full Proportion in Concert with their Neighbours, in carrying on this important Enterprize; as the Consequence of our Success in it, would in all humane Probability, be of infinite Advantage to this Province.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

There were some Particulars I recommended to you, at your last Meeting, which had not so much of your Attention, as the Importance of them should have seemed to require.

It may be very uncertain, what Time our station Ship will be returned hither, from the West-Indies, or what Condition it may be in for Service when it is; and till it is arrived and re-fitted, our Coast and Trade must be without the necessary Protection: It would therefore, surely much become us, to have a Province Vessel of sufficient Force, at all Times during the War, not only to guard ourselves, but upon Occasion, to send to the Assistance of our Neighbours, from whom we might with Reason, expect the like good Office: To our Discredit, other Colonies, which are none of them better able to Support that Expence, and perhaps have less at Risque, have not grudged the Cost of taking that prudent Measure, in providing for their own Security; I cannot but think it an Article, worthy your immediate Care.

The Necessity of an Agent at the Court of Great-Britain, may now be more apparent to you, from a late Instance in a Clause in a Bill, said to have been brought into Parliament, concerning the Paper Currency in these Colonies, of which however, you had not, nor indeed could you expect, any direct Notice or Information; for Want of such an Officer, how can the Affairs of this Government be properly negotiated? This I have several Times recommended to you, but hitherto without Effect

The frequent Representations made to me, by the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, of the absolute Necessity there is for building two more Forts upon our Frontiers, in proper and convenient Places to be assigned, prevail with me, to renew my Instances with you, to come to speedy Resolutions, to make effectual Provision for that Service, that they may be erected with the utmost Dispatch.

The Advantages of Course arising, from the Building such Fortresses, are the great Protection they must afford to our Out-Settlements, would in great Measure pacify and quiet those People in their Possessions; it would draw more Christians to reside in greater Bodies amongst the Indians upon our Frontiers, and thereby add Strength to them, and ourselves; and it would be the most likely means that can be thought on, effectually to retain the Six Nations, in their Fidelity to the British Interest; on the contrary, for Want of such a Countenance, the Indians grow cool and indifferent towards us, as we seem remiss and careless of their Security: And if we are longer without such Places of Refuge, for a Retreat in Case of any Incursions into the Country by the French, or their Indians, many Christian Families, will be obliged to desert their Possessions, abandon the Profits of many Years hard Labour, and be forced to Beggary and Want; a most deplorable Case, and must draw after it a Train of Evils, which may be almost as easily prevented as foreseen; how expedient it is to have such Fortifications, may more evidently appear by the Commissioners Letters, which I shall lay before you.

During the War with the French, it will be proper to have more frequent Interviews with the Indians, and that you make Provision for that Purpose.

Provision should likewise be made for the Charges of sending up the fifty Men of the Militia, to Oswego, their Victualling and Subsistence, for the Time past, and to come; for it is necessary they should be continued, or relieved by a like, or perhaps a greater Number; Also, Care should be taken to defray the Expence of sending thither, a Reinforcement of the King's Troops last Fall, and their Victualling, and for the Reparations and Improvements made at that Fortress, according to my Directions, last Summer; concerning all which, particular Accounts shall be laid before you.

It is of very great Concernment to the publick Affairs of this Province, that a liberal Sum should be set apart to answer all Contingences and extraordinary Services of the Government at all Times; but it is most essentially necessary during the War; and therefore, I cannot but repeat my former Recommendations of this Particular, with still greater Earnestness.

I sent away the French Prisoners to St. Domingo, with Flags of Truce, as soon as I could get Vessels to take them off; the Accounts of the Money expended on that Occasion. and for their Maintainance whilst here. shall be laid before you; by which you will find, that what was provided at last Meeting, for the Support of the Prisoners, is near exhausted; it is necessary a further Supply should now be raised, to answer the like Occasions, as it may be expected, that more will daily be brought into this Port, upon future Captures to be condemned here.

I must renew my Recommendation also, for your raising Supplies. effectually to enable me to appoint Commissioners for this Province, to treat with those of the Massachusets, and other neighbouring Governments (who have or shall appoint such) touching our joint Conduct in the Prosecution of the War against the French in these Parts, as well offensively, as defensively; the Advantages that must most probably arise from a good Understanding, Harmony, and Union of Councils, between his Majesty's respective Colonies on this Continent, in Maintainance of the common Cause, are too obvious to need a particular Enumeration, were it prudent upon the present Occasion to point them out; could the House have been convinced of the Expediency of such a Measure, and made suitable Provision to that End, at their last Meeting, 'tis scarce to be doubted, but other Colonies would have followed the Example, and been sensible how just and equitable it is for them to bear a proportional Share of that Burthen which this Province, does alone sustain, by renewing of Treaties with the Six Nations, and maintaining and erecting Forts upon our Frontiers (which at the same Time, should be considered as a Barrier to their own Countries) and of such others as are at this Time thought proper and necessary to be erected, although we may be said to be more immediately concerned in such a Defence and Security, in order to prevent the Enemy from having that Intercourse with those Indians, in their own Countries. which we find by Experience, they too frequently have, as well in Peace as War, and as a Means to deter them from making any Attacks upon our Out-Settlements; but as the Case is at present. it most highly behoves us, at all Adventures, to provide immediately for our own Security, before it is too late.

However, I cannot but observe to you, how agreeable it seems to be to the Intentions of his Majesty, as well as his royal Predecessors, that the several Colonies upon this Continent, should, upon all Occasions, unite their Force and Councils in the common Cause; which I collect from several royal Instructions to me. directing the Quota or Proportion of the respective Governments; as well of Money as Men, to be provided upon Emergencies at all Times, and to be employed conjunctly in the Maintainance and Defence of each other, as Occasion may require; which Instructions have been given and continued down as standing Rules to the Governors for the Time being, of this, and no doubt of all the other Colonies, from the late glorious Revolution; and not only so, but consonant to these established Directions, his Majesty's Pleasure was signified to me, upon the Commencement of the War with France (as I have before in Part intimated to you) that I should immediately put the Province into a Posture of Defence, and have the Forces here in such a Condition, as to be able, not only to repel the French Forces if they should attack us, but likewise, if it should become necessary, to attack them.

Attempts, as I observed before, have already been made by the French upon Annapolis, which probably would have fatally succeeded, had not Succours been seasonably sent to their Assistance from Time to Time, by the Government of the Massachusets-Bay, as they could raise them; and it might be expected, the Efforts of the Enemy would be renewed the ensuing Summer, were not the present Armament set on Foot; and though Nova-Scotia, New-Hampshire, and the Massachusets Colonies are the nearest Neighbours to the French Settlements yet what fatal Consequences must ensue to this Province, in particular, should those Countries be reduced to the Obedience of the French! Must not we of course, expect to become a Prey likewise?

Gentlemen,

The many weighty Affairs now laid before you, which require immediate Supplies have obliged me to have this Session thus early; I have done my Duty in pointing them out to you. and recommending them to your serious Consideration; do you your's, by making such ample Provision for them, and with such Chearfulness and Dispatch, as may effectually recommend you to his Majesty's Grace and Favour, and secure to you the good Opinion and Esteem, of the People you represent.

Gentlemen of the Council, and the General Assembly,

What further I have to recommend to you at this Time, is, Unanimity and Dispatch ; let your Duty to his Majesty and Zeal for his Service, and the Interest and Security of your Country, become eminently conspicuous by your Actions, in the Conduct of the important Business before you.

G. CLINTON.

Ordered, that the said Speech be forthwith printed

The Hono^ble James Delancey Esqr moved that an humble Address be presented to his Excell^y returning him the thanks of the Council for his Speech and his Care for the welfare & security of the province and expressing the sence they have of the Importance of the Enterprize undertaken by the Government of the Massachusets Bay and how manifestly it is calculated for the Hon^r of his Majesty & the Interest of the British Dominions & assuring his Ex^ly that they will chearfully concur in all proper measures for promoting that important Enterprize

Resolved, that an Address be presented accordingly and that the Council or any three of them do prepare a Draught of an Address pursuant to the above Motion & Resolution

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o'clock

Wednesday, March the 13th, 1744.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Hono. James De Lancey Esqr from the Committee appointed to prepare the Dr^t of an Address pursuant to the Resolution of yesterday in his place reported that the Committee had prepared the Draught of an Address, which he presented at the Table where the same having been read was approved of, was ordered to be engrossed

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden and John Rutherford Esq^rs do attend his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be waited on with the said Address

Then the said Gentlemen left the Council Chamber and being returned again reported that they had waited on his Excellency and that he was pleased to appoint 4 o'clock this afternoon

The Council adj^d till 3 o'clock P. M.

P. M.

PRESENT — As in the forenoon, and the

Hono^ble JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqr.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Engrossed Address was presented and having been read & compared

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the same in behalf of the Council

Then the same was signed accordingly

The Council adjourned in order to wait on his Excelly with the said Address and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair and reported that he had waited on his Excellency and that the Address was read and presented by him to his Excellency

Which Address is in the words following

To His Excellency The Honorable GEORGE CLINTON Esqr Captain General and Governour in Chief of the province of New York and the Territoryes thereon depending in America Vice Admiral of the same and Vice Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

The Humble ADDRESS of his Majesty's Council for the province of New York

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most dutiful & loyal subjects, the members of the Council for the province of New York beg leave to return our thanks for your Excell^ys speech

Tis with the most grateful sense we observe your Excellency's care for the welfare & security of this province ; and we assure your Excellency, that we are met with warm dispositions to promote his Majesty's Honour and the true Interests of the Country

We are sensible of the Importance of the Expedition proposed by the Government of the Massachusets Bay and how manifestly it is calculated for the Honour of his Majesty and the Interest of the British Dominions and as we cannot but highly applaud the becoming zeal and vigour with which it has been undertaken by that Government, so we will chearfully concur in all proper measures for promoting that important Enterprise, Especially as the consequence of our success in it, must in all human probability be of infinite advantage to this and all the other Northern Colonys

And we further assure your Excellency that our proceedings in the several particulars you have been pleased to recommend to us, shall be conducted with that unanimity and Dispatch, which our Duty to his Majesty and zeal for his service, and the Interest & security of the Country require

By order of the Council

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY Speaker

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following answer

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this Address and the sentim^ts you have of my care for the welfare & security of the province

I cannot doubt of your steady Resolutions for forwarding his Majesty's service and the prosperity of his subjects within my Government

G. CLINTON

New York March 13. 1744

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed

The Council adjourned till Fryday morning 10 o clock Then met and adjourned from time to time till Thursday March 21st

Thursday, 21 *March*, 1744.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entitled, An Act to repay the sum of two hundred and seventy pounds advanced by several persons for the services therein mentioned desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the 1st time and

Ordered to be read the second time

The Councill adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 o'clock and afterwards met & adjourned from time to time till Thursday April the 18th

Thursday, April the 18th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Schuyler and Captain Winne with the Bill Entitled, An Act to prevent the running away of Slaves out of the City and County of Albany to the French at Canada desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Richard & Captain Van Horne with the Bill Entitled, An Act to allow a premium to such privateers as shall during the present warr take or destroy

any Enemys privateers between the places therein mentioned Desiring the Concurrence of ye Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bills be now read

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered to be read the second time

Ordered, that the Bill entitled, An Act to repay the sum of two hundred & seventy pounds advanced by several persons for the services therein mencōned be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would please to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

The Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairm^n of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the s^d Bill and had directed him to report it without Amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the 3^d time

His Excellency communicated to the Council (by John Catherwood Esqr his private Secr^y) a Message he had sent yesterday to the Genl Assembly which is as follows.

Gentlemen,

" Since the Adjournment of your House, I have received authentick Advice of the Arrival of " a considerable *French* Armament at *Martinique*, viz. Seven Sail of Ships of War; two of 74 " Guns; two of 64; two of 56, and a Frigate of 36 Guns, with upwards of twenty Sail of " Transports, and three Thousand six Hundred Troops, with Intent to make Attempts upon some " of the *British* Dominions in *South-America*; but as a Report of the present Expedition against " *Cape-Breton*, is generally spread in the *West-Indies*, it's very probable the Commander in Chief " of those Forces has, e'er now, got Intelligence of that Design; and it may be reasonably " apprehended, he will thereby be diverted from his original Intention into these Parts.

" When you have duly considered what are most likely to be the Consequences of such an " Event, I hope you will be animated to a Conduct suitable to the Importance of such an " Expedition; not only by making sufficient Provision for uniting with your Neighbours in the " common Cause in general, (that we may with the better Grace, call in their Aid, should there " be occasion) but also, particularly for putting this Province into the best Posture of Defence; " and that this City may, with all possible Dispatch, be at least as well fortified as at any Time " heretofore, by setting Stockadoes around it, and erecting Block Houses, and Batteries, at proper " and convenient Distances, along the Wharfs on each River, that we may thereby be enabled " to give the Enemy so warm a Reception, in case they should attack us, as may render their " Efforts vain and ineffectual.

G. Clinton

The Council adjourned till to [morrow] morning 10 o clock.

Fryday, April the 19th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Hono^ble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

James De Lancey,
Daniel Horsmanden,
Joseph Murray,
John Moore, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to prevent the Running away of Slaves out of the City and County of Albany to the French at Canada and also the Bill entitled, An Act to allow a premium to such privateers as shall during the present warr take or destroy any Enemy's privateers between the places therein ment^d be now read the second time

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

A Message from the Assembly by Coll^o Morris and Coll^o Phillipse to acquaint the Council That that House desires they will appoint a Committee to join a Committee to be appointed by that House to consider of and to make proper Estimates of such other Fortifications as they

shall judge necessary to be erected And of such Matters & Things to be made and done for the further security of the Colony as Recommended by his Eccly's Message of yesterday And that they take to their assistance such other persons as they shall judge proper to consult in regard to the Fortifications and that they report to the House as soon as may be their proceedings thereon

Ordered, that the Bill intitled, An Act to repay the sum of two hundred & seventy pounds advanced by several persons for the services therein mentioned be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the 3d time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honoble John Moore do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment

Tht Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr moved that a Committe might be appointed pursuant to the above Message from the General Assembly

Ordered, that the Honoble James De Lancey, Joseph Murray and John Moore Esqrs be a Committee for the purposes aforesaid and that they meet at three o clock this afternoon at the Widow Baker's

The Council adjourned to Tuesday morning 10 o'clock.

And they met & adjourned from time to time to Tuesday April the 30th and from thence to the Thursday following.

Thursday, May the 2d, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Nicoll & Mr Ludlow with the Bill Entitled, An Act for raising the sum of three thousand three hundred and seventy five pounds for the publick service of this Colony by way of Lottery Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Abraham Lott and Mr Le Count with the Bill entitled, An Act to Regulate prosecutions by Information in the Supreme Court of this Colony Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bills be now read

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading

The Council resolved themselves into a Comée on the Bill Entitled, An Act to prevent the running Away of Slaves out of the City and County of Albany to the French at Canada And also on the Bill Entitled, An Act to allow a premium to such privateers as shall during the present warr take or destroy any Enemies privateer between the places therein mentioned

The Committee having duely weighed and considered the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported That the Committee had gone through the said two Bills and had directed him to report the first with an Amendmt and the other without any Amendment

Ordered, that the said Bills be read the third time

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Fryday, May the 3d, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to prevent the running away of Slaves out of the City and County of Albany to the French at Canada be now read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass

Ordered, that the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do carry the said Bill with the Amendment thereto to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with that Amendment to which they desire their concurrence

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to allow a premium to such privateers as shall during the present warr take or destroy any Enemies privateer between the places therein mentioned be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hono. John Moore Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill witht any amendmt

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for raising the sum of three thousand three hundred and seventy five pounds for the publick service of this Colony by way of Lottery And the Bill Entitled, An Act to regulate prosecutions by Information in the Supreme Court of this Colony be now read the second time

Then the said Bills were read the second time and committed

The Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 o'clock

Tuesday, May the 7th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournmt & adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, May the 8th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Hono:* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Honoble John Moore Esqr Reported from the Committees appointed by the Council and the General Assembly to consider of and to make proper Estimates of such other Fortifications as they should judge necessary to be erected and of such matters & things to be made and done for the further security of the Colony as recommended by his Excellencys Message of the 17th of April & to take to their assistance such other persons as they should judge proper to consult in regard to the Fortifications, That both Committees had met at the time and place appointed and were then of opinion that as there was a considerable French Armament at Martineco it would be most proper First to take the Defence of this City under consideration, and after having taken a full view of such places as were conceived proper and consulted the Mayor & Aldermen and some other Gentlemen of the City and taken the assistance of two persons who were said to have some skill, both with respect to its defence towards the Water as well as the Land, and being of opinion that it is more probable that the City may be assaulted by the Enemys

ships than be attacked by a Land Force and therefore conceiving it most necessary to proceed in the first place against any Naval Armament by erecting Batterys in such places as are judged most proper for that purpose The Committee were of opinion

1st That a Battery of eight Guns should be immediately erected at Dominis Hook with a large Block House to cover the men & their arms

2d That plans should be made whereby to erect a Battery of Eight Guns on Captain Rutger's Wharf when there shall be occasion

3d That plans should be made whereby to erect a Battery of Eight Guns on Burnets Key upon occasion

4th That it is absolutely necessary for the safety & Defence of the City towards the Harbour to have a Battery of twenty Guns erected at the East End of this City

5th That Gins should be made for every Battery several span carriages & long Trail Carriages for twelve field pieces &c

As to the Battery of twenty Guns two places have been proposed The one on a Wharf to be made out into the River adjoining to Lowrey's, which Wharf the Committees were of opinion could not be made this year

The other place proposed is on Mr Harmanus Rutgers's Hill and in case it should be erected on this last the Committees were of opinion it will be necessary to have two Blockhouses to guard it and to have a Battery of six Guns to be erected upon occasion behind Pecks, according to a plan to be made for that purpose

6th With respect to the Estimate of the Expence, the Committees were of opinion that the erecting the twenty Gun Battery on a wharf to be made adjoining to Lowreys besides the delay would make the charge of the above Articles amount to about £4500 or £5000 and that if the Battery were to be erected on Rutgers's Hill the Amount of the Expence of the above Articles is Estimated at about £3000

The two persons whose Assistance the Committees have taken are Messieurs Hoyer and Clement who have attended the Committees from time to time each of whom have prepared plans which will be laid before you

These Things are what the Commées are of opinion ought to be done with all possible dispatch They therefore thought it expedient to Report them as soon as they had gone through them

And as to such other Fortifications necessary to be erected and such other Matters and Things to be made and done for the further security of the Colony, the Committees will consider of them when they shall have leave to sit again

By order of the Committees

John Moore Chairman

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clarkson and Mr Richard with the Bill Entitled, An Act to revive An Act intitled, An Act to oblige all persons that shall come to Inhabit or reside in the City of New York in order to expose any Goods Wares or Merchandizes to sale at any time after the annual Assessment made for the Tax for the maintainance of the Minister and Poor of the said City to pay their due proportions toward the same Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered to be read the second time

The Council adjourned till Fryday morning 10 o clock

Fryday, May the 10th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Hono.* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

James De Lancey,
Philip Cortlandt,
Daniel Horsmanden,
John Moore, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to revive An Act Entitled, An Act to oblige all persons that shall come to inhabit or Reside in the City of New York in order to expose any Goods Wares or Merchandizes to sale at any time after the annual Assessment made for the Tax for the maintainance of the Minister and Poor of the said City to pay their due proportions toward the same be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Le Count with the Bill Entitled, An Act to prevent the running away of Slaves out of the City and County of Albany with the Councils amendment thereto and to acquaint the Council that the General Assembly do agree to the said amendment and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by adding the words (without Benefit of Clergy) after the word (Felony) in the 19th Line of the first page

The Council Resolved themselves into a Comēe on the three following Bills vizt

The Bill Entitled, An Act for raising the sum of £3375 for the publick service of this Colony by way of Lottery

The Bill Entitled, An Act to Regulate prosecutions by Information in the Supreme Court of this Colony and

The Bill entitled, An Act to revive An Act intitled, An Act to oblige all persons that shall come to inhabit or reside in the City of New York in order to expose any Goods Wares or Merchandizes to sale at any time after the annual assessment made for the tax for the maintainance of the Minister & Poor of the said City to pay their due proportions toward the same

The Committee being agreed on their Report by them to be made thereon when the Council would please to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said three Bills were referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the same and had directed him to report the Bill for raising £3375 by way of Lottery without any amendment And the Bill to regulate prosecutions by Information with several amendments And the Bill to continue An Act to oblige all persons that shall come to inhabit or reside in the City of New York &c without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time

The Council adjourned till Tuesday May the 14th next

Tuesday, May the 14th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Intitled, An Act to revive An Act intitled, An Act to oblige all ꝑsons that shall come to inhabit or reside in the City of New York in order to expose any Goods Wares or Merchandizes to sale at any time after the annual Assessment made for the Tax for the maintainancy of the Minister and Poor of the said City to pay their due proportions towards the same be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hono: Philip Cortlandt do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment

His Excellency the Governour being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Clerk of the Council to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance at the Council Chamber

They attend accordingly with their Speaker

His Excellency then in presence of the Council and General Assembly gave his Assent to the four following Acts vizt

An Act to repay the sum of two hundred & seventy pounds advanced by several persons for the services therein mentioned

An Act to allow a premium to such privateers as shall during this present Warr take or destroy any Enemy's privateers between the places therein mentioned

An Act to prevent the running away of Slaves out of the City and County of Albany to the French at Canada

An Act to revive An Act intitled, An Act to oblige all persons that shall come to reside in the City of New York in order to expose any Goods Wares or Merchandizes to sale at any time after the annual assessment made for the Tax for the maintainance of the Minister & poor of the said City to pay their due proportⁿ towards the same

His Excellency then required the General Assembly to return to the Council Chamber after the Acts should be published

Then the said Acts were published with the usual solemnity

After which His Excellency the Governʳ, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber

His Excellency was pleased to DISSOLVE the General Assembly by the following Speech

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

In my Speech to you at the Opening of this Session, I recommended to you many Particulars, which I thought, of absolute Necessity to be immediately provided for; and have since, by several Messages and Papers, sent you, from Time to Time, as Occasion offered, renewed my Instances as to several of them, in order to excite you to a Conduct, worthy of their Importance; and since it seems by the Minutes of your Proceedings, as if you were coming to a Conclusion, and that you have done the utmost, that there is any Probability you will do; I can no longer forbear expressing my Sentiments of your Conduct.

After the disrespect shewn, by omitting to give an Answer to my Speech, I was apprehensive, I could expect but little Regard to be paid to what I had said; though I proposed nothing but what immediately related to his Majesty's Service, and the Interest and Security of the Province.

The Protection of our Frontiers, in the County of Albany, was what I could not doubt, every one had much at Heart, that had considered the Consequence of them, and would be of Opinion, that suitable Provision ought of Necessity to be made to that End, with the utmost Dispatch; therefore, not so much regarding the Ceremony (however requisite and decent) as Matters more substantial, I have withheld from you, nothing which might enlighten you in that Respect, especially touching the late Commotions amongst our Indians, and the Intrigues of the Enemy carrying on amongst them.

I have signified to you, over and over again, that it is proper in Time of War, that I should have more frequent Interviews with the Six Nations (which even in Time of Peace, have been usual every other Year) in Order to renew the Treaties with them; and there is no other Way of doing it to Purpose (as I can conceive) than by making them Presents, and such at this Time, as may be sufficient to allay their present Disquietudes, and preserve them in good Temper, firm and steady to the British Interest; what Regard has been paid to my Importunities on this Head, may be collected, from not making Provision for it, nor are (it seems) the erecting Forts or Block-Houses, or the Maintenance of Scouts to watch the Motions of the Enemy in those Parts, Matters of Weight in your Estimation; and therefore, through your Carelessness and Improvidence, we must hazard the Seduction of the Six Nations, and our Northern Frontiers, for the present, remain naked and open to the Incursions and Insults of our declared Enemies, and their Indians; our Christian Out-Settlers, must either desert their Plantations, and retire to beggary and want, or continue daily exposed to their mercileess Barbarity; a most cruel Necessity; this I have intimated to you, was most likely to be the Consequence, if proper and seasonable Care were not taken to prevent it.

That many of the Christians, settled towards our Frontiers Northward from Albany, have been much alarmed at the late suspicious Behaviour of our Indians, and are very apprehensive of great Danger in their present Situation, appears by a Petition to me, signed by great Numbers of them; which (by advice of his Majesty's Council) I laid before you the 10th Instant; and with what Contempt you treated the earnest Entreaties of the Petitioners, and how indecent your Conduct was towards me upon that Occasion, every one may judge, from your returning it by your Clerk to my Secretary, without further Ceremony, and your resolving to take no Notice of it, in the Minutes of that Day.

For my Part, I could almost, at this critical Conjuncture, have forborne (as I have on other Occasions) shewing my Resentment of the personal Incivilities you have offered me (if they rested there) could I, from your general Behaviour, have entertained the least Hopes of awakening you to a due Sense of your Duty to his Majesty, or the People you represent: But upon looking back into your Proceedings, I find you have treated his Majesty's Orders to me, signified by Letters from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, not only with as much Indifference (for they produced no proper Effect from you) but have misrepresented the Contents of them; for so far is that Letter from containing Orders to Commodore Warren, that after taking Notice in general, of the Nature of the Service that Gentleman is upon, his Majesty's Pleasure is thereby signified to me, "that if Mr. Warren shall apply to me for Assistance, either of Men, Provisions or Shipping, that I should be aiding and assisting to him in the most effectual Manner," and that you might enable me at all Events, to answer his Majesty's Commands in that Case, was the very reason (as any one might conclude) that induced me to lay that Letter before you: But, as if you was conscious, your Conduct is deserving of Reproach, you either wholly suppress, or misrepresent, what are Ingredients in your Proceedings; which your Constituents have a Right, not only to be informed of but to remark upon.

And (declining to be more explicit, upon Matters of greater Concernment) you have neglected to make Provision, for the Maintainance of such Prisoners of War as may, from Time to Time, be brought into this Port, or for the transporting them hence; when at this very Time, there is a Number of them in the Harbour, which will fall upon our Hands, should the Vessel lately brought in, be condemned as Prize.

Nor have you provided for the re-imbursing Money, advanced upon the Faith and Credit of the Government, for Repairs done at the Garrison of Oswego, upon the breaking out of the French War, pursuant to my Directions, given last Summer, by Advice of his Majesty's Council, which I recommended to you, to be provided for the last Fall; nor the Paying what is due, for furnishing Lieut. Butler with Necessaries for his Passage to Oswego, last Fall, by Direction of the Commissioners for Indian Affairs, pursuant to my Orders, given likewise by the Advice of the Council; concerning both which Articles, Accounts have long since been laid before you; but you have adventured to take upon you the Assignment of the Places, for erecting Batteries within this City; to direct the Number of Guns to be placed upon them, and to order the Issuing out the Gun-powder, provided for the Use of the Publick, without consulting me in either Respect; which in Effect, is assuming the Administration of the Government, and wresting his Majesty's Authority out of the Hands of his Governor. Thus from an invincible Untowardness on the one Hand, and an inordinate Thirst of Power on the other; you are become, as it were, a dead Weight against the other Branches of the Legislature

You have protracted this Session to a most unreasonable Length, for any Thing that is done, for the Advancement of his Majesty's Honour and Service, or the Credit, Interest or Security of the Province, or People you represent.

I am therefore constrained, to put an End to this Session, by your Dissolution; and you are accordingly DISSOLVED.

G. CLINTON

New York 14th *May* 1745

His Excellency then delivered a Copy of his said Speech to the Speaker of the Council and afterwards returned to his House attended as usual

TWENTY-FOURTH ASSEMBLY FIRST SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *began at the City Hall, of the City of* New York, *on* Tuesday, *the twenty fifth day of* June, *An° Dni*, 1745.

His Excellency the Governour having been pleased to dissolve the late General Assembly on the fourteenth day of May last and to order Writts to be issued the same day for Electing Members to serve in a new one returnable this day

The Council met accordingly

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

His Excellency the Governour being acquainted that a Majority of the Representatives were met in the Assembly Chamber, came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message by the Deputy Clerk of the Council to the Assembly Chamber requiring the immediate attendance of the members who were Qualifyed.

The said Members thereupon attended accordingly

His Excellency then ordered them to return to the Assembly Chamber and choose a Speaker and present him immediately for his approb^n

The members thereupon left the Council Chamber and soon after returned and presented David Jones Esqr for their Speaker to his Excellency for his Approbation

Which choice his Excellency was pleased to approve

Then the said David Jones Esqr the Speaker after a short apology for himself desired his Excellency in behalf of the whole House, that their Words & Actions might have a favourable Construction, That the members might from time to time have free Access to his Excellency and that they and their Servants might be priviledged and protected as usual

Which his Excellency was pleased to Grant

His Excellency then made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly

After which his Excellency returned to his House attended as usual And the Representatives withdrew

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that his Excellencys Speech be read

Which being read accordingly it was further

Ordered, that the same be Entered in the Minutes and is in the words following:

Gentlemen of the Council, and the General Assembly,

Soon after my Arrival here, his Majesty's Pleasure was signified to me, "that I should employ the most effectual Means for putting this Province into the best Posture of Defence that should be possible, and be constantly upon my guard against any Surprize from any Quarter whatever;" and upon the Commencement of the French War, I received his Majesty's Commands, "that I should immediately put the Province into a Posture of Defence, and have the Forces here, in such a Condition as to be able, not only to repel the French Forces, if they should attack us, but likewise, if it should become necessary, to attack them."

In order to put the Province into a proper Posture of Defence, it is necessary that such other Fortifications be erected about this City, with all possible Dispatch, as may be sufficient to enable us to repel any Force that may attack us on this Quarter: For this Purpose, a strong Battery of twenty Guns, at the East End of the Town, in the Harbour, and some other Batteries in other Parts of the City, should be forth with erected; of which, I will direct Plans to be laid before you. 'Tis worth considering, whether, as Matters are now circumstanced, this City may not probably share a considerable Part of the War.

All due Attention should be given with Regard to the effectual Security of our Northern Frontiers: To answer this End, two strong Forts should be built in our Indian Countries, in convenient Places to be assigned; a sufficient Number of Out-Scouts should be constantly kept on foot, to watch and give Intelligence of the Motions of the Enemy; and above all, there

should be the utmost Care, and the most prudent Steps taken, to put our Indians into perfect good Temper, that they may preserve their Dependance on the British Interest, and confirm them in their Fidelity to his Majesty; which, through the Artifices and Intrigues of a subtle Enemy, 'tis to be suspected is, at this Time, some what shaken. My Duty to his Majesty, and Regard for the People under my Government, oblige me to press these Things most earnestly upon you.

As an Expedition has been set on Foot by the Government of the Massachusetts-Bay, against Cape-Breton, and is now carrying on, in Conjunction with a Proportion of Men and Shipping from the neighbouring Colonies, with the entire Approbation of his Majesty, and under the Countenance and Protection of his Royal Fleet; I have received a Letter from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, dated in January last, wherein it is intimated, "that his Majesty "having thought it necessary for the Security of the Colonies in North-America, and particularly "of the Province of Nova-Scotia, (which had been [then] already invaded by the French, and "upon which there was Reason to apprehend that they would early in the Spring, renew their "Attempts, by the Attack of Annapolis-Royal,) to employ such a Strength of Ships of War in "those Seas, under the Command of Commodore Warren, as might be sufficient to protect the "said Province, and the other neighbouring Colonies in North-America, and the Trade and "Fishery of his Majesty's Subjects in those Parts; and might also, as Occasion should offer, "attack and distress the Enemy in their Settlements, and annoy their Fishery and Commerce. "His Grace had his Majesty's Commands, to signify to me his Pleasure, that if Mr. Warren "should apply to me for Assistance, either of Men, Provisions, or Shipping, to enable him to "proceed either to the Relief and Succour of Annapolis Royal, or of any other of his Majesty's "Forts or Settlements, or for making any Attempts upon the Enemy; I should, in all such "Cases, be aiding and assisting to him, in the most effectual Manner."

Governor Shirley, upon communicating to me, in January last, a Scheme for the Attack of the Town and Fortress of Louisbourgh, wrote to me in the most pressing Terms, to use my best Endeavours that this Province should furnish their full Quota, or Proportion of Men and Shipping, to join them in this important Enterprize, not doubting but we should be sensible how agreeable such a Conduct would be to the Intention of the royal Instructions concerning such like Cases, and how much the Success of this Expedition would advance his Majesty's Service, the Interest of the British Dominions in general, and of all the Northern Colonies in particular.

How far divine Providence has already favoured this Undertaking, we may judge from the Success of it hitherto; the New-England Forces, immediately after landing upon the Island, having taken Possession of the most considerable Battery; which, at their Approach, was deserted by the Enemy with Precipitation; and one of their sixty four Gun Ships, with Succour, bound for the Port of Louisbourgh, having been taken by some of his Majesty's Fleet, and all Communication with the Town cut off, both by Sea and Land. These are such Earnests, as give us Encouragement to hope for a speedy Reduction of that Place; but more especially, if we should afford them that Aid and Assistance which may most reasonably be expected from us; and since Matters are brought to this Crisis, I now persuade myself, we shall not longer sit still as unconcerned Spectators, nor be content that the neighbouring Colonies alone, recommend themselves to the Favour of their royal Master, by a vigorous Prosecution of a Matter of so great Consequence to us, and which his Majesty has thought fit to espouse; nor let them, unassisted by us, reap the Glory of a Conquest so considerable, and it be said, they have in vain solicited us to become Partakers with them.

I have very lately received Letters from Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Warren, on this Head, in pursuance of that from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, last mentioned, wherein they are very importunate with me in their Application, for the Assistance of this Government, in the immediate raising some Troops for supporting this Expedition, and such a number of Seamen, in order to man the French Ship, (intended also to be employed in this Service) and such Quantity of Provisions, as we can procure, to be sent them to Cape-Breton, with the greatest Dispatch, that they may be enabled to withstand any Force the Enemy may send to the Relief of that Garrison.

These are Matters of such high Concernment to us, that I cannot but recommend them with the utmost Earnestness, and I rely upon your Immediate Concurrence in such Measures as may answer his Majesty's just Expectations, signified by the royal Orders now laid before you. I am determined nothing shall be wanting in either Respect, on my Part, for advancing his Majesty's Service, and the Credit and Interest of the Province.

But, Gentlemen of the General Assembly, without your effectual Aid, all my Purposes can avail but little, and therefore I doubt not, but the same dutiful Dispositions which have at all Times distinguished the People of this Province, for their Loyalty to the Crown, will prompt you to use all proper and necessary Means, to raise such Supplies as may be amply sufficient to answer the present Exigencies.

I have some Accompts and Particulars, of Disbursements, for the public Service, to lay before you; for the Discharge whereof, 'tis proper and just, Provision should be made.

" *Gentlemen*,

" I am sensible the Season of the Year requires your Attendance upon your private Affairs; dispatch therefore in the weighty Business before you, becomes still the more necessary, that you may soon have a Recess, and not be long detained here to your greater Inconvenience.

" *Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly*,

" What I have now recommended, requires a more than ordinary Attention; and considering the great Importance of it, 'tis incumbent on every one who has the publick Weal sincerely at Heart, the more earnestly to endeavour to cultivate that Harmony and good Understanding, which ought to subsist between the several Branches of the Legislature; and as the Eyes of our Neighbours are intent upon us, impatiently awaiting the Result of your Deliberations, I flatter myself, the issue of this Session, will redound to the Advantage of the common Cause; his Majesty's Service in general, and the Honour, Credit, and lasting Interest of the Province " in particular."

G. Clinton.

City of *New York* 25th *June* 1745

Ordered, that the said speech be printed

Then the Honoble James De Lancey Esqr moved that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency returning his Excellency the Thanks of the Council for his speech and assuring his Excellency that it is with the greatest pleasure the Council observe his Excellencys concern for the putting this City and the other Frontiers into a proper posture of Defence, That they are sensible how much the success of the Expedition against Cape Breton would advance his Majestys service, the Interest of the British Dominions in General and of the Northern Colonies in particular, and will chearfully concur in any measures that may be proposed, for giving such aid and assistance, for the Reduction of that Place, as a matter of so great consequence requires. And that they will upon this important occasion as well as all others endeavour to cultivate the Harmony and good understanding which ought to subsist between the several Branches of the Legislature

Which motion being seconded by the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr and agreed by the Board

Resolved thereupon, that an Address be presented accordingly and that the Council or any three of them do prepare a Draft thereof pursuant to the above motion and Resolution to be laid before the Board to morrow morning for their approbation

Then the Councill adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Wednesday, June the 26th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Honoble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

James De Lancey,
Philip Cortlandt,
Daniel Horsmanden,
Joseph Murray,
John Moore, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Honoble James De Lancey Esqr from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address persuant to the Resolution of yesterday reported that the Committee had prepared a Draft accordingly which he presented at the Table when the same read and approved of and ordered to be engrossed

Ordered, that the Honoble James De Lancey and John Moore Esqrs do attend his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be waited on with the said Address

Then the said Gentlemen left the Council Chamber and being returned Reported that they had waited on his Excellency and that he was pleased to appoint four o clock this afternoon

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock Pt Merid

Wednesday, June the 26th, 1745. Pt M. 3 o clock.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT as in the Forenoon

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Deputy Clerk of the Council presented to the Board the Engrossed Address to his Excellency. Which was read and compared

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the same in behalf of the Council

Then the same was signed accordingly is in the words following.

To His Excellency the Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories thereon depending in America Vice Admiral of the same and Vice Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majestys fleet &c

The Humble ADDRESS of his Majesty's Council for the Province of New York

May it please your Excellency.

We his Majesty's most dutifull and Loyal Subjects The members of his Majesty's Council for the Province of New York, return our hearty Thanks for your Excellency's Speech. 'Tis with the greatest pleasure we observe the concern you have pleased to Express for the security of the Province, the putting this City, and the other Frontiers into such a posture of Defence, as may enable us, to repel any attempts, that may be made against us, for the effecting whereof nothing shall be wanting on our parts.

We are very sensible how much the success of the Expedition against Cape Breton would advance his Majesty's service, the Interest of the British Dominions in general and of all the Northern Colonyes in particular, and we assure your Excellency we shall chearfully concurr in any measures that may be proposed for giving such aid and assistance for the Reduction of that Place, as a matter of so great consequence requires of us

We are well acquainted with the Intrigues the French have always busied themselves in, amongst our Indians, as well in peace as warr, and are perfectly satisfyed your Excellency will take the most prudent steps in your Power, to guard against the artifices of the Enemy and preserve the dependance of the Six Nations upon the British Interest and confirm them in their Fidelity to his Majesty

We shall on this important occasion, as well as all others, endeavour to cultivate that Harmony and good understanding which ought to subsist between the several Branches of the Legislature, and doubt not but the like good Dispositions will bring this Sessions to an happy Issue, so as to redound to the advantage of the common cause, His Majesty's service and the Honour, Credit and lasting Interest of this Province

By order of the Council

Council Chamber ARCHd KENNEDY Speaker

New York June 26th 1745

The Council adjourned to wait on his Excellency with the said Address

The Council being returned The Speaker assumed the Chair and Reported that he had waited on his Excellency and had read and presented the Address to him and that his Excellency was pleased to make the following answer

Gentlemen of the Council

I thank you for your Address, and the sentiments you Express of my concern for the Defence and security of the Province; for the assurance you have given me of your ready concurrence in any measures proposed for giving that assistance towards the Reduction of Cape Breton as a matter of so great consequence requires and I depend upon your good Dispositions at all times for the cultivating a good understanding between the several Branches of the Legislature, than which nothing can more contribute to ease and satisfaction

GEORGE CLINTON

Saturday, June the 29th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Richard with a Bill entitled, An Act for the paying of five thousand pounds towards the Expedition carrying on against Cape Breton Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said Bill be now read
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered to be read the second time
The Council adjourned till Monday morning 10 o clock

Monday, July the 1st, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill entitled, An Act for the paying of five thousand pounds towards the Expedition carrying on against Cape Breton be now read the second time
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, July the 2d, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Council resolve themselves into Committee on the Bill Entitled, An Act for the paying of five thousand pounds towards the Expedition carrying on against Cape Breton
The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their report thereon when the Council would please to receive the same
The Speaker resumed the chair
Ordered, that the said Report be now made
The Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the same and had directed him to report it without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass
Ordered, that the Hono^ble John Moore Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, July the 3^d, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Thursday, July the 4th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Schuyler with the Bill entitled, An Act for erecting and repairing Fortifications within this Colony, for defraying the charge of several services for the Defence and security of the same and other purposes therein mentioned Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said Bill be now read
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered to be read the second time
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Fryday, July the 5th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill Intitled, An Act for Erecting and Repairing Fortifications within this Colony, for defraying the charge of several services for the Defence and security of the same and other purposes therein mentioned be now read the second time
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed
The Council Resolved into a Committee to consider of the said Bill
The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would please to receive the same
The Speaker resumed the Chair
Ordered, that the said Report be now made
Then the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report it without any amendment
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Saturday, July the 6th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for Erecting and Repairing Fortifycations within this Colony, for defraying the charge of several services for the Defence and security of the same and other purposes therein mentioned be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendments

His Excellency the Governour came to the Council Chamber attended as usual sent a Message by the Deputy Clerck of the Council to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance at the Council Chamber

They attend accordingly with their Speaker

His Excellency then in presence of the Council and the General Assembly gave his assent to the two following Bills vizt

No 1 An Act for the paying of five thousand pounds towards the Expedition carrying on against Cape Breton

2 An Act for Erecting and Repairing Fortifications within this Colony, for defraying the charge of several services for the Defence and security of the same and other purposes therein mentioned.

After which the said Acts were published and his Excellency returned to his House as usual

The Council returned to the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair

His Excellency having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the house to the first Tuesday in August next

The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Tuesday, August the 6th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The General Assembly standing adjourned to Tuesday the 13 Inst

The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Tuesday, August the 13th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Ch : Just.

PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

A sufficient number of the members of the General Assembly not being in Town the Council therefore adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock and then met and adjourned till Thursday the 15th Inst

And afterwards met & adjourned from time to time to Saturday Octr 26th 1745

Saturday, October the 26th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Colle Herring & Mr Gale with the Bill Entitled, " An Act to continue An Act intitled, An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of " Orange & some parts of Ulster County and for repealing all other Acts concerning the same " within the said County of Orange" Desiring the concurrence of the Council

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Major Van Horne with the Bill Entitled, " An Act to restrain disorderly & unlawful Gaming Houses in the Colony of New York" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the 1st time and

Ordered to be read a second time

Then the Council adjd till Tuesday morning next a 10 o clock and then met & adjourned to Thursday Octr 21st (*sic*)

Thursday, Octr 31st, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono.* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Harring & Mr Hardenbergh with the Bill Intituled, " An Act for raising in the south part of Orange County a sum not exceeding one " hundred pounds for finishing & compleating the Court House & Goal in Orange Town" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock and afterwards met & adjourned till Fryday Novr the 8th 1745

Fryday, November the 8th, 1745.

The Council met accord to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono :* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Richard & Collo Schuyler with the Bill Entitled, " An " Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of " Novr 1745 to the first day of Novr 1746" Desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the 1st time &

Ordd a second reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, " An Act to continue An Act intitled, An Act to prevent " Damages by Swine in the County of Orange & some parts of Ulster County & for repealing " all other Acts concerning the same within the said County of Orange; The Bill Entitled, " An " Act to restrain disorderly & unlawful Gaming Houses in the Colony of New York," and the Bill Entitled, " An Act for raising in the south part of Orange County a sum not exceeding " £100 for finishing & compleating the Court House & Goal in Orange Town" be now read the second time

Then the said Bills were read the 2d time and

Ordered to be committed

The Honoble James De Lancey Esqr moved for leave to bring in a Bill to vindicate & assert the Rights of the Freeholders to Elect their own Representatives to serve in General Assembly for the several Countys, Citys, Boroughs & Manors within this Colony

Ordered, that leave be given accordingly

Then the Council adjournd till Wednesday morning 11 °clock

Wednesday, the 13th *November*, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the Genll Assembly by Collo Schuyler and Mr Nicoll with the Bill Entituled, " An Act to amend the practice of the Law and to regulate the giving of Special Bail" Desiring ye concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Pierson & Mr Cornell with the Bill entitled, " An Act to continue An Act intitled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wild Catts in the " County of Suffolk" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Collo Phillipse & Mr Thomas with the Bill Intitled, " An Act for the better clearing Regulating & further laying out publick High Roads in the " County of West Chester" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Abm Lott with the Bill entituled, " An Act to amend An Act intituled, An Act for the better clearing Regulating & further laying " out publick High Ways in the County of Suffolk" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas & Collo Beekman with a Bill Intitled, " An Act further to continue An Act intituled, An Act for and towards supporting the " Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Dutys therein mentioned from the " first day of Decr 1740 to the first day of December 1741 Desiring the concurrence of the " Council thereto

Then the Council adjd till to morr morning 11 o'clock

Thursday, November the 14th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the five Bills brought to the Council yesterday from the General Assembly be now read the first time

Then the said five Bills were read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt. Richards and Mr Cruger with a Bill Intitled, " An Act for raising £3375 by way of Lottery for erecting Fortifications on Nutten Island" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Hardenbrook with a Bill Entitled, " An Act to alter the place of the Supervisors meeting in the County of West Chester" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, " An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors " retailed in this Colony from the 1st day of Novr 1745 to the 1st day of Novr 1746" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the 2d time &

Ordered, to be committed

Then the Council adjd till 10 o'clock to morrow morning

Fryday, November the 15th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT— *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cornell and Captn Stilwell with a Bill Entituled, " An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick High Ways in Kings County, Queens County, Richmond County & Orange County" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading

The Council resolved themselves into a Commee on the four foll Bills vizt

The Bill Entituled, " An Act to continue An Act intituled, An Act to prevent Damages by " Swine in the County of Orange & some parts of Ulster County & for repealing all other Acts " concerning the same within the said County of Orange"

The Bill Entituled, " An Act to restrain disorderly & unlawful Gaming Houses in the County " of New York"

The Bill Entituled, " An Act for raising in the south part of Orange County a sum not " exceeding £100 for finishing & compleating the Court House & Goal in Orange Town and

The Bill Intituled, " An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony " from the 1st day of Novr 1745 to the 1st day of Novr 1746"

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would please to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the sd Report be made immediately

Then the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the said Committee had gone through the said Bills severally, and directed him to report them without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the following Bills be now read the second time vizt

The Bill Entituled, " An Act to amend the practice of the Law and to regulate the giving " of Special Bail"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying " of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk "

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better clearing Regulating & further laying out publick " High Roads in the County of West Chester "

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to amend An Act Intituled, An Act for the better clearing " Regulating and further laying out publick High Ways in the County of Suffolk

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for & towards " Supporting the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Dutys therein " mentioned from the 1st day of Decr 1740 to the 1st day of Decr 1741

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising £3375 by way of Lottery for erecting Fortification " on Nutten Island, and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to alter the place of the Supervisor's Meeting in the County of " West Chester

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed

Then the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock P M

Fryday, November the 15th, 1745. Pt Merid

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT as in the Forenoon

The Speaker assumed the Chair and

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o'clock

Saturday, November the 16th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT— *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANl HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the following Bills be now read the third time vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent Damages by " Swine in the County of Orange & some parts of Ulster County and for repealing of all other " acts concerning the same within the said County of Orange "

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to restrain disorderly & unlawful Gaming Houses in the Colony " of New York "

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising in the South part of Orange County a sum not " exceeding one hundred pounds for finishing & compleating the Court House & Goal in Orange " Town " and

The Bill entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this " Colony from the first day of Novr 1745 to the first day of Novr 1746

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Honoble James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bills without amendment

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the following Bills vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to encourage the " Destroying of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk "

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better clearing, Regulating & further laying out publick " High Roads in the County of West Chester "

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to amend An Act Entituled, An Act for the better clearing " Regulating and further laying out publick High Ways in the County of Suffolk "

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for & towards "Support^g the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Dutys therein "mentioned from the first day of Decr 1740 to the 1st day of Decr 1741, and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to alter the place of the Supervisor's meeting in the County of "West Chester.

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their report thereon when the Council would please to receive the same

The Speaker resumed ye Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Hono^ble Danl Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills severally & had directed him to Report them without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bills be read the 3^d time

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better clearing Regulating & further laying "out publick High Ways in Kings County, Queens County, Richmond County & Orange County, "be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the 2^d time &

Ordered to be committed

The Council Resolved themselves into a Commēe to consider of the said Bill

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill & being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Hon. Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had duely weighed & considered of the said Bill & had directed him to report the same without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time

Then the Council adjourned till Monday morning 11 °clock

Monday, November the 18th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the following Bills be now read the third time vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to encourage the "destroying of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk.

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better clearing, Regulating & further laying out publick "High Roads in the County of West Chester"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to amend An Act Entituled, An Act for the better clearing "regulating and further laying out publick Highways in the County of Suffolk"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for and towards "Supporting the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Dutys therein "mentioned from the 1st day of Decr 1740 to the first day of Decr 1741"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to Alter the place of the Supervisors meeting in the County of "West Chester" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better clearing regulating & further laying out publick "Highways in Kings County, Queens County, Richmond County & Orange County"

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Hōnoble James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the first four of the said Bills without any amendment and that the Hono^ble John Moore Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned of the said Bills without any amendment

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o'clock

Tuesday, November the 19th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Colle Schuyler and Colle Beekman with a Bill Entituled, " An Act for payment of the salaries services & contingencys therein mentioned until " the first day of Septr 1746 out of the Fonds appropriated for the support of this Governmt" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hardenbrook & Colle Haring with a Bill Entituled, " An Act to raise a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds for the finishing of the " Court House & Goal in the County of Ulster & defraying such charges as are already laid out " & expended towards the building of the said Court House and Goal" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Renselaer & Capt Winne with the Bill Entituled, " An Act for the Establishing a Military Watch for the City & County of Albany, Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o'clock

Wednesday, November the 20th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANl HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, " An Act to raise a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds " for the finishing of the Court House & Goal in the County of Ulster and for defraying such " charges as are already laid out & expended towards the Building of the said Court House and " Goal" and The Bill Entituled, " An Act for the Establishing a Military Watch for the City & " County of Albany." be now read the second time

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council Resolved themselves into a Commée on the Bill Entituled, " An Act for raising " £3375 by way of Lottery for erecting Fortifications on Nutten Island"

The Committee having duely weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resd the Chair

Ordered, that the sd Report be now made

The Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with some Amendments

Then the said Amendments were read and

On the Question being put

The Report was agreed to & approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as Amended

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Tappan and Mr Hardenbrook with the Bill Entituled, " An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutchess County, Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Colle Beekman and Capt Renselaer with a Bill Entituled, "An Act to finish & Compleat the Court House & Goal in Dutches County & for " defraying the other Charges therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Richard & Coll^o Beekman with a Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Jurian Hansen Schack and Hendrick Wessells," Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said three Bills were read first time &

Ordered to be read a Second time

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clarkson and Major Van Horne with a Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the City of New York to choose annually two "Vestrymen for each respective Ward within the said City" Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the 1st time &

Ordered to be read a second time

The Council adjourned till to morrow mōrng 11 o'clock

Thursday, November the 21st, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the following Bills be now read the second time vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for payment of the Salarys Services & Contingencys therein "mentioned until the 1st day of September 1746 out of the Funds appropriated for the Support "of this Government"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County.

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to finish & compleat the Court House & Goal in Dutches "County & for defraying the other charges therein mentioned

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Jurian Hansen Schaack and Hendrick Wessells" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to Enable the Inhabitants of the City of New York to choose "annually two Vestrymen for each respective Ward within the said City"

Then the said Bills were read the second time &

Ordered to be Committed

The Council Resolved themselves into a Commēe on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise a "sum not exceeding one hundred pounds for the finishing of the Court House & Goal in the "County of Ulster & defraying such charges as are already laid out & expended towards the "Building of the said Court House and Goal, And also the Bill Entituled, "An Act for "the Establishing a Military Watch for the City & County of Albany, As also on the five following Bills vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the City of New York to choose "annually two Vestrymen for each respective Ward within the said City"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for paym^t of the Salarys Services & Contingencys therein "mentioned until the 1st day of Septr 1746 out of the Funds appropriated for the Support of "this Government"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to finish and compleat the Court House & Goal in Dutches "County and for defraying the other charges therein mentioned

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for Naturalizing Jurian Hansen Schaick & Hendrick Wessells"

The Committee having gone through the said Bills severally and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would please to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said seven Bills and had directed him to report them without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approv'd of and

Ordered, that the said Bills be read the third time

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 ° clock

Fryday, November 22^{d}, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard & Capt Winne with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying the sum of one thousand five hundred & eleven pounds twelve shillings for "the service of this Colony

A Message from the Genl Assembly by Coll^{o} Schuyler & Maj^{r} Van Horne with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for continuing An Act intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Militia of this Colony

A Message from the Genl Assembly by Coll^{o} Morris & Capt Winne with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to make it ffelony without Benefit of Clergy to Conterfeit any Spanish, French or "Portuguese Gold or Silver within this Colony"

Then the said Bills were read the first time &

Ordered a second reading

Ordered, that the following Bills be now read the third time vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for payment of the Salarys, Services & Contingences therein "mentioned until the first day of Septr 1746 out of the Funds appropriated for the support of "this Government

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise a sum not exceeding 100£ for the finishing of the Court "House and Goal in County of Ulster & defraying such charges as are already laid out & expended "tow^{ds} the building of the said Court House & Goal"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Establishing a Military watch for the City & County of "Albany

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent Dam^{s} by Swine in Dutches County

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to finish & Compleat the Court House & Goal in Dutches County & for defraying the other charges therein mentioned, and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the City of New York to choose "annually two vestry men for each respective Ward within the said City

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^{ble} Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the Gen^{ll} Assembly that the Council have passed the three first mentioned of the said Bills without amendment and that the Hono John Moore Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have also passed the other three of the said Bills without amendm^{t}

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o'clock

Saturday, November the 23^{d}, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to make it Felony without Benefit of Clergy to counterfeit any "Spanish French or Portuguese Gold or Silver within this Colony

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for continuing An Act Entituled, An Act for the better "regulating the Militia of this Colony. And

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying the sum of £1511. 12 for the service of this Colony" be now read the second time

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the said three Bills

The Committee having gone through the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Hono^ble^ Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills and had directed him to Report them without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of and

*Ord^d^*, that the said Bills be read the third time

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, " An Act for raising £3375 by way of Lottery for erecting " Fortifications on Nutteen Island be now read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended. And

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass

Ordered, that the Hono James De Lancey Esqr do carry the said Bill with the amendments to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with some amendments thereto to which they desire their concurrence

Then the Council adjourned till Monday morning 10 o'clock

Monday, November the 25th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournm^t^

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble^* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
STEPHEN (*sic*) COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the foll Bills be now read the third time vizt

The Bill Entituled, " An Act for Naturalizing Jurian Hansen Schack and Hendrick Wessells"

The Bill Entituled, " An Act for paying £1511. 12 for the service of this Colony. And

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to make it Felony without Benefit of Clergy to Counterfeit any " Spanish French or Portugueze Gold or Silver within this Colony "

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass

The Council adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

Monday, November the 25th, 1745. P^t^ Merid

PRESENT as in the Forenoon

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to amend " the practice of the Law and to regulate the giving of Special Bail.

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would please to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Hono^ble^ Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairm^n^ of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same with an amendment thereto

Then the amendment was read and

On the Question being put the Report was agreed to & approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill as amended be now read the third time

Then the said Bill as amended was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for continuing An Act Entituled An Act for the " better Regulating the Militia of this Colony " be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morn 10 o'clock

Tuesday, November the 26th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Honoble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the following Bills without any amendment vizt
The Bill Entituled "An Act to make it Felony without Benefit of Clergy to counterfeit any "Spanish French or Portuguese Gold or Silver within this Colony"
The Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Juryan Hansen Schack & Hendrick Wessells"
The Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying £1511. 12 for the service of this Colony" and
The Bill Entituled, "An Act for continuing An Act Entituled, An Act for the better "regulating the Militia of this Colony
Ordered, that the Honoble James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the Bill Entituled. "An Act to amend the practice of the Law and to "regulate the giving of Special Bail, with an Amendment thereto, to which they desire their concurrence
A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Richard & Colloe Beekman with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to amend the practice of the Law and to regulate the giving of Special "Bail" with the amendment thereto acquainting the Council that the General Assembly do agree to the said Amendmt and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly
Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by adding the following clause between the 24th and 25th Lines of the first page of the said Bill
"And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all and every the Attorneys of "the Supreme Court may commence & prosecute any action or suit for his or their clients in any "inferior Court within this Colony any Law, Usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding
The Council adjourned till 3 o clock Pt Merid

Tuesday, November the 26th. Pt Merid

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock and then met and adjourned till Fryday Novr 29th 1745

Fryday, November the 29th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

His Excellency the Governour being come to the Council Chamber Required the advice of the Council whether he might with safety adjourn the Assembly for any time at this Juncture

The Council were of opinion & advised his Excellency to adjourn the Assembly to Tuesday the 17th December next That the Collos of the Militia might in the meantime make proper Dispositions of their several Regimts for the better security of their respective Countys

His Excellency then sent a Message by the Clerk of the Council to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House at the Council Chamber in the City Hall

The General Assembly attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the 21 foll Bills vizt

"An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County "of Orange and some parts of Ulster County & for repealing all other Acts concerning the same "within the said County of Orange

"An Act to restrain disorderly & unlawful Gaming Houses in the Colony of New York

"An Act for raising in the south part of Orange County a sum not exceeding £100 for "finishing & compleating the Court House & Goal in Orange Town"

"An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the 1st of "Novemr 1745 to the first day of November 1746

"An Act to amend the practice of the Law and to regulate the giving of Special Bail

"An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wild Catts "in the County of Suffolk"

"An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick High ways in the "County of West Chester"

"An Act to amend An Act entituled, An Act for the better clearing regulating and further "laying out publick High ways in the County of Suffolk

"An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for & towards supporting the "Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Dutys therein mentioned from the "1st day of Decr 1740 to the first day of Decr 1741 with an addition thereto"

"An Act to alter the place of the Supervisors meeting in the County of West Chester

"An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick Highways in Kings "County, Queens County Richmond County and Orange County

"An Act for the payment of the salarys services and contingencys therein mentioned until the "first day of September 1746.

"An Act to raise a sum not exceeding £100 for the finishing of the Court House & Goal in "the County of Ulster & defraying such charges as are already laid out and expended towards "the building of the said Court House & Goal

"An Act for the Establishing a Military Watch for the City & County of Albany"

"An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County

"An Act to finish & compleat the Court House & Goal in Dutches County and for defraying "other charges therein mentioned.

"An Act for naturalizing Jurian Hansen Schack and Hendrick Wessells

"An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the City of New York to choose annually two vestrymen "for each respective Ward within the said City

"An Act for paying the sum of £1511.12 for the service of this Colony

"An Act for continuing An Act Entituled, An Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony and

"An Act to make it Felony without Benefit of Clergy to counterfeit any Spanish French or "Portuguese Gold or Silver within this Colony

Afterwards the said Acts were published with the usual solemnity

His Excellency then directed the Genll Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber & adjourn themselves to Tuesday the 17th of Decemr next

Then his Excellency returned to his Residence attended as usual

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency having directed the General Assembly to adjourn themselves to Tuesday the 17th of December next

The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Tuesday, December the 17th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment & adjourned to Fryday morning 10 o'clock

Fryday, December the 20t , 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Clerk of the Council laid a copy of the Message sent by his Excellency to the General Assembly before the Council which was read &

Ordered to be entered & is as follows vizt

Gentlemen,

Soon after your Adjournment, I sent his Majesty's Troops from hence, to Albany, for the Defence of that City, conceiving it in Danger of falling into the hands of the Enemy, from the late attempts they have made upon our Frontiers; and since I have received Letters from the Colonel of the Militia Regiment of that County, and the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, (which I shall order to be laid before you) recommending the immediate Re-building the Fort at Saraghtoga, for the Reasons therein set forth; which his Majesty's Council thought of such Weight, that by their Advice, I have sent up Directions to have it re-built accordingly, for the Expence whereof, I doubt not, you will now make provision, and for the Pay of such additional Forces as shall be advised to send up, for the Protection of the Frontiers; as also, for giving a proper Encouragement, for our People to take Pains, to engage the Indians heartily in the War, pursuant to the Orders I have sent them.

The Fort intended to be built at the Carrying-Place, ought to be large and strong, of Stone Work; and though a Building of that Sort, will require an extraordinary Expence, yet that should be looked upon as inconsiderable, when laid in the Ballance with the great Service, a regular well built Fort will be of at all Times hereafter, but especially during the War.

The absolute Necessity of concerting Measures, jointly with the neighbouring Governments, touching the Prosecution of the War, is now most manifest; I have so often pressed it upon you, to make Provision to this End, that I cannot further inforce my Recommendation, than by repeating it, and offering to your Consideration, a Letter just received from Lieut. Governor Phips, renewing the Overtures frequently made to me, by the Massachusetts Government on that Head, as a Matter of the utmost Consequence, for the Preservation of his Majesty's Subjects, and Colonies in North-America.

The Militia Act, requires some material amendments; the Penalties should be enlarged, to compel due Obedience to military Orders, and as there are many Persons within this Province, who claim an Exemption from military Service at this Time of War, under Colour of Commissions at large, without being confined to any particular Corps; a Clause should be provided, to invalidate such Commissions, and subject all such Persons (who are not excepted by the Act) to do private Duty.

Gentlemen,

There have been several Things laid before you, concerning the Service and Honour of this Province, which seem hitherto to have escaped your Attention; you may easily discover them by a Review of your Proceedings, and I am sorry they have not been thought worthy of your Notice.

As we have a subtle and active Enemy to deal with, one of our Frontier Settlements already destroyed, whereby many unhappy People were murthered, and others led Captives to Canada; I have great Reason to apprehend, the French have a very formidable Army in our Neighbourhood, with a Design to make Incursions into the Heart of the Province; therefore I persuade myself, from the last Resolution you come to, you'll make Use of the Means in your Power, to strengthen the Hands of the Government, and provide for every Thing necessary, not only that we may be enabled effectually to preserve his Majesty's Colony, under my Care, and your own Fortunes, but also make the Enemy sensible of the Effects of our just Resentment

The present Circumstances of Affairs appear to me in such Light, that they require your most vigorous and speedy Resolutions, for the mutual Protection of this, and the neighbouring Colonies, agreeable to his Majesty's royal Orders and Instructions communicated to you.

G. Clinton.

Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday December 24th 10 o clock A. M.

Tuesday December 24th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Honoble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

James De Lancey,
Philip Courtlandt,
Daniel Horsmanden,
John Moore, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Council adjourned to Thursday the 23d of January next

Thursday, January the 23d, 1745

The Council met according to adjournmt

Present — *The Honoble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

Philip Cortlandt,
Daniel Horsmanden,
John Moore.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the General Assembly by Collo Beekman and Major Van Horne with a Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better regulateing the Militia of this Colony" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered to be read a second time
The Council adjourned till Saturday next 11 o clock A M

Saturday, January 25th, 1745

The Council met according to adjournmt

Present — *The Honoble* Philip Livingston, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Philip Cortlandt,
Daniel Horsmanden,
John Moore, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard and Mr Cruger acquainting the Council that the General Assembly desire they would appoint a Committee of the Council to join a Committee to be appointed by the Assembly to Confer upon the subject matter of that part of his Excellency's Message relateing to the appointment of Commissioners to treat with such as are or may be appointed by the Neighbouring Colonys
The Council having taken the said Message into their Consideration, it is
Ordered, that the Honoble James De Lancey, Daniel Horsmanden, Joseph Murray and John Moore Esqrs be a Committee to confer with the Committee to be appointed by the General Assembly upon the Subject matter of said Message. That they meet the said Committee at 6

° clock this Evening at the House of the Widow Baker. That they have leave to adjourn from time to time as occasion may require, and that they report their proceedings thereupon to the Council

Ordered, that the Hono^ble James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly with the above order

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better regulating the Militia of this Colony" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the 2^d time and

Ordered, to be committed

The Council [adjourned] till Monday 3 o clock P Merid

Monday, January the 27th, 1745.

The Council met and adjourned till Fryday the 31st Inst 11 o clock A M

Fryday, January the 31st, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Captn Richard with a Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of 3375£ by a publick Lottery for this Colony for the "more effectual fortifying the City of New York" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading

The Council adjourned till Monday next 10 ° clock A. M.

Monday, February the 3^d, 1745. A Merid

The Council met and adjourned till 3 o clock P M

February the 3^d, 1745. P M

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of 3375£ by a publick "Lottery for this Colony for the more effectual fortifying the City of New York" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the 2^d time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till Wednesday morning 11 ° clock

Wednesday, February the 5th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Livingston & Capt Bradt with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of forty five pounds on the Township of Schenectady "for defraying the charge of keeping in repair the Fortifications of the said Town, Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Thursday, February the 6th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of 45£ on the Township of Schenectady for defraying the charge of keeping in Repair the Fortifications of the said Town," be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Fryday, February the 7th, 1745.

The Council met & adjourned till to morrow morning 11 ° clock

Saturday, February 8th, 1745.

The Council met & adjourned till Monday morning 10 o clock

Monday, February the 10th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for "raising the sum of £3375 by a publick Lottery for this Colony, for the more effectual fortifying "the City of New York" and on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of £45 on "the Township of Schenectady for defraying the charge of keeping in Repair the Fortifications "of the said Town"

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would please to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Commēe had gone through the said Bills and had directed him to Report them without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bills be now read the third time

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bills do pass

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, February the 11th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Colle Chambers and Mr Abraham Lott with a Bill Entituled, "An Act for emitting Bills of Credit to the value of £10,000 for the uses therein "mentioned, and for raising & collecting the sum of £10.000 for sinking & cancelling the said "Bills" Desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt. Winne and Capt Renselaer with a Bill Entituled, "An Act for giving a Reward for such scalps & prisoners of the Enemy as shall be "taken by the Inhabitants of (or Indians in) this Colony, and to prevent the Inhabitants of the "City and County of Albany from selling Rum to the Indians" Desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

Ordered, that the Honoble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have past the two follg Bills without any amendment vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of £3375 by a publick Lottery for this "Colony for the more effectual fortifying the City of New York. And the Bill Entituled, "An "Act for raising the sum of £45 on the Township of Schenegtade for defraying the charge of "keeping in Repair the Fortifications of the said Town"

The Council adjourned till Thursday morning 9 o clock

Thursday, February the 13th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment, and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Fryday, February the 14th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the Assembly by Capt Richards and Mr Cruger with a Bill Entituled, "An "Act to raise, levy & collect the sum of £36 on the City & County of New York for the uses "therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the Assembly by Collo Chambers and Collo Haring with a Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent and punish mutiny & Desertion of his Majesty's Forces posted in this "Colony" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bills were read the first time &

Ordered a second Readg

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for emitting Bills of Credit to the value of £10.000 "for the uses therein mentioned & for raising & collecting the sum of £10,000 for sinking & "cancelling the said Bills" and the Bill Entitd, "An Act for giving a Reward for such scalps "& prisoners of the Enemy as shall be taken by the Inhabitants of (or Indians in alliance with) "this Colony and to prevent the Inhabitants of the City & County of Albany from selling "Rum to the Indians" be now read the second time

Then the sd Bills were read the 3d (*sic*) time &

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned to Monday next 10 ° clock A. M.

Monday, February the 17th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the "Regulating the Militia of this Colony"

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono: Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the sd Commée in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same with several amendments

Which amendments were read and

On the Question being put were severally agreed to & approv'd of

Ordered, that the said Bill as amended be now read the 3d time

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass

Ordered, that the Honoble John Moore Esqr do carry the afd Bill with the amendments to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the same with several amendments to which they desire their concurrence

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent & punish Mutiny & Desertion of his "Majestys Forces posted in this Colony" and the Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise levy &

"collect the sum of thirty six pounds on the City & County of New York" be now read the second time

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock P. M.

Monday, February the 17th, 1745. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed

The Honoble Archibald Kennedy moved for leave to bring in a Bill "to Restrain all Dancing "Masters Schoolmasters or Teachers of Youth in any Art or Science from Teaching without "License & taking the oaths

Ordered, that Leave be given accordingly

Pursuant whereto a Bill was presented to the Council Entituled, "An Act to restrain all "Dancing Masters, Schoolmasters or Teachers of Youth in any Art or Science from Teaching "without Lycense & taking the oaths"

Then the said Bill was read the 1st time &

Ordered a second Reading

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise "levy & collect the sum of £36 on the City & County of New York and on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent & punish mutiny & Desertion of his Majestys Forces posted in this Colony

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would please to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Commée had gone through the said Bills and had directed him to Report the first of the said Bills without amendment and the other with several amendments

Which amendments were read & approv'd of and the Report On the Question being put was agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read the third time

The Council adjourned till four o clock to morrow P. M.

Tuesday, February the 18th, 1745. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to restrain all Dancing Masters, Schoolmasters or "Teachers of Youth in any Art or Science from Teaching without Lycence and taking the oaths

Then the said Bill was read the 2d time &

Ordered to be committed

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise, levy & collect the sum of 36£ on the "City & County of New York for the uses therein mentioned" be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent & punish Mutiny & Desertion of his "Majesty's Forces posted in this Colony" be now read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass as amended

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the same with several amendments to which they desire their concurrence

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow 4 o clock P^t Merid

Wednesday, February the 19th, 1745. P. M.

The Council met & adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o'clock

Thursday, February the 20th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for giving "a Reward for Such Scalps & Prisoners of the Enemy as shall be taken by the Inhabitants of "(or Indians in Alliance with) this Colony and to prevent the Inhabitants of the City & "County of Albany from Selling Rum to Indians"

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would please to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the s^d Committee in his place reported that the Commée had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read ye 3^d time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble D do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment

A Message from the General Assembly by Major Van Horne & Coll^o Haring with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Regulateing the Militia of this Colony" acquainting the Council that the Genl Assembly agree to the Amendments made by the Council to the said Bill and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the following Amendments were made to the said Bill vizt

page 1 Line 19. Strike out the word (taken) & insert instead thereof [administred]
20 After the word (shall) insert the words [and is hereby impowered to]
pa 2: 15 After the word (for) insert [every]
25 Strike out the word (Commanded) & insert [appointed]
3. 2 Strike out [soldier of] & after the word [Foot] insert [soldier] Strike out [Horse] and insert [Trooper]
4 The same Amendment as Line 2^d
10 Strike out [Soldier belonging to the Horse] & insert [Trooper]
10 Strike out [Commanded] & insert [appointed to]
22 Strike out [all] & insert [each & every]
26 After the word [where] insert the words [there are]
27 Strike out the words [have been or are in being]

pa 4. 10 After the word [refusing] insert [or neglecting]
D° After [to] add [inlist and]
15 After appear insert [according to the Tenour and Meaning of this Act]
19 Before [Furniture] insert the words [Cloathing on]

Between the 20 & 21st Line add the following Clause. to wit

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That no military Commission Officer either of Foot Companys or Troops of Horse whether Regimented or Unregimented nor any Trooper of the City of New York or Albany shall be lyable or subject to serve in the Office of Constable if chosen while he is such, any Law usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding

20 Strike out [Twenty] insert [Forty]
22 After the second word [of] insert [a number not exceeding]
23 After the second word [of] insert [a number not exceeding]
pa 5 L 12 After the word [refuse] insert [or neglect]
d° After [be] add [and act as]
14 After [refuse] add [or neglect]
19 After [with] add [consent of the greater part of the Field Officers of]
D° Strike out the words [a General Council of officers from]
pa 6 Between the 9th & 10th Lines insert the following clause vizt

And to the End that Articles of War may be speedily established Be it further Enacted That in case any Field Officer shall without any reasonable cause neglect to appear at the Time & Place appointed pursuant to Notice given for that purpose by the Captain General or Commander in Chief for the Time being every such Officer making such Default shall forfeit the sum of twenty pounds

6 L 14 Strike out the first [and] & insert [shall neglect to appear or]
7 2 Strike out [as aforesaid] & insert [contrary to the meaning of this Act]
Last Line strike out the word [so]
8 10 After [Colony] insert [excepting as in the manner hereinafter directed]
20 After [cowardice] insert [or some other offence] after the words [by a] add [General]
21 Strike out [or for some other notorious offence]
22 After [officer] insert [of any Regiment Company or Troop]
29 Strike out [the several] and insert [any of the]
d° Strike out [and] & insert [or]
30 Strike out [and] & insert [or]
31 Strike out [only]
9 1 Strike out [Governour] and insert [Captain General]
Strike out the last six Lines in pa 9 and the first five Lines in pa 10
10 Between the 26th & 27th Lines insert the following clause vizt

Provided nevertheless and Be it further Enacted that all physicians Surgeons & apothecarys Resident within the Citys of New York & Albany in case of Invasion & attack by the Enemy shall respectively attend each respective Troop & Company of the Militia (as occasion may require) with medicines & utencils on such posts as shall be assigned by the Captain General or Commander in Chief for the time being to take care of the sick & wounded and for their care & medicines administred to poor men & servants wounded or sick in the service, They shall be paid & Rewarded out of the publick Treasury of this Colony But in case any physician Surgeon or apothecary Resident as aforesaid shall wilfully neglect their attendance upon any such occasion the person or persons so neglecting shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds to be Recovered & applyed in such manner as shall hereafter be directed by Act or Acts to be passed for that purpose.

pa 12 L 8 Strike out [every] & insert [no]
9 Line strike out [not]
15 Strike out [several] and before [the] put [any of]
18 Strike out the words [Except as before excepted]
d° Strike out [having such] and insert instead thereof [claiming Exemption by]
19 After the word [shall] insert [produce the same and]
20 After the word [granted] insert (or shall take the following oath (which oath the officer within whose Beat the person so claiming Exemption inhabits is hereby impowed to administer) vizt I, A. B, do swear that my commission was not obtained with intent to screen me from ordinary duty in the Militia
24 nor have I been superceeded therein by my own consent, so help me God)
& 25 Leave out [contrary to] and insert [without]
pa 14 L 5 Strike out [offence] and insert [neglect & Default]
7 Before [perform] add [or appearing shall not] Same Line strike out [and]
14 Strike out [by] Strike out the 2d [be] & after [taken] Strike out [to] & insert [by]
15 Strike out the last [to]
pa 15 L 10 & 11 Strike out the words [any thing therein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding]

pa 16 L 1 After the word [City] insert the words [to be applyed] Line 14 after [pay] add [for]
18 Strike out the word [assess] and insert [order]
Line 8 from the bottom Strike out the words [not exceeding two slaves to each Gun] and instead thereof insert the words [or in any such manner as shall be directed by the Governour or Commander in Chief for the time being by and with the advice & consent of his Majesty's Council
page 17 Between the 8th & 9th Lines insert the following clause.

And whereas many persons have of late made it a practice to lay Boards Masts & other Timber within the Enclosure of the Fortification on Copsey Battery and to square & work the same there to the great Incumbrance & annoyance thereof as well as hazard and danger which is likely to arise therefrom to the Storehouse & other Buildings thereon erected by accidents from Fire Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid that if from and after the publication of this Act any person or persons shall lay any Boards Masts or other Timber on any part within the Enclosure of the Fortification aforesaid out of the Bason thereof or work & manufacture the same there or any of them the person or persons so laying working squaring or manufacturing shall forfeit & pay the sum of forty pounds for every such offence to be recovered before the Mayor Recorder or any one of the Aldermen of the City of New York upon the oath of one or more credible witnesses, one half thereof to be paid & applyed to the person or persons who shall prosecute & sue for the same and the other half to the use of the poor of the said City to be levyed by distress & sale of the Offenders Goods & Chattels and in case such Boards Masts or Timber or the Shavings occasioned by the manufacturing thereof shall not be thence removed within two days after the conviction of any offender or offenders in the premises It shall & may be lawful for the Head Gunman belonging to the said Battery to cause such Boards Masts or other Timber to be removed & detain the same in his Custody until the owner or owners thereof shall pay the further sum of forty shillings to the said Head Gunner together with the costs and expences incurred by reason of removing the same

A Message from the Assembly by Capt Winne & Capt Bradt with the Bill Entituled, "An "Act to prevent & punish Mutiny and Desertion of his Majesty's Forces posted in this Colony" acquainting the Council that the General Assembly agree to the amendments made by the Council to the said Bill and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was amended as follows

In the Title, strike out the words [and punish Mutiny and] & the word [posted]

Strike out the remainder of page [one] and all page [two] and insert the words following

[Whereas sundry of his Majestys Soldiers have absented themselves and deserted the service in this Colony for prevention whereof for the future Be it Enacted by the Governour the Council and General Assembly that]

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Fryday, February the 21st, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Honoble Philip Courtlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council desire a conference with them at Hollet's House in the Bowery Lane to morrow morning 11 o clock upon the subject matter of the Bill [entitled] An Act "for emitting Bills of Credit "to the value of £10.000 for the uses therein mentioned, and for raising and collecting the "sum of £10.000 for sinking & cancelling the said Bills" and that the Council have appointed the Honoble James De Lancey, Joseph Murray & John Moore Esqrs to be Managers at the said conference

Ordered, that the said Managers do prepare a Draft of their objections and Reasons to be offered at the Conference and lay them before the Council

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o clock

Saturday, February the 22d, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hardenbergh & Colle Herring in Answer to the Councils Message to them yesterday Desiring a Conference upon the subject matter of the Bill Entituled, "An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit to the Value of 10.000£ for the uses therein "mentioned and for raising & collecting the sum of £10.000 for sinking & cancelling the said "Bills" acquainting the Council "that the said Bill being a money Bill their House could not "consent to any Conference with the Council upon the subject matter of the said Bill.

Whereupon the said Bill was unanimously rejected

Then the Honoble Joseph Murray Esqr moved that a Committee might be appointed to draw up a Representa to his Excellency setting forth the Reasons that induced the Council to reject the said Bill, and that the same should be published after its having been presented to his Excellency

Ordered, that the Managers appointed to draw up the Reasons to have been offered at the late intended conference be a Committee to draw a Draught of the said Representan and that they lay the same before the Council for their approbation with all convenient speed

Then the Council adjourned to Tuesday morning 10 o clock

Tuesday, February the 25th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council adjourned till Thursday 3 o clock P. M.

Thursday, February the 27th, 1745. P. M

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Honoble James De Lancey Esqr from the Committee appointed to draw a Representation to his Excellency containing the Councils Reasons for rejecting the Bill Entituled, "An Act for "emitting Bills of Credit to the Value of £10.000 for the uses therein mentioned, and for "raising & collecting the sum of £10.000 for sinking & cancelling the said Bills" laid the same before the Council which was read & approved of and

Ordered to be signed by the Speaker

Then the said Representation was accordingly signed by the Speaker &

Ordered to Entered in the Minits & is as follows to wit

To His Excellency the Hono^ble GEORGE CLINTON Esqr Captain General & Governor in Chief of the province of *New York* and the Territorys thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same & Vice Admiral of the Red Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

The Humble REPRESENTATION of his Majesty's Council of the said province

May it please your Excellency

The Council having lately had under their consideration, a Bill brought up to them from the House of Representatives Entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit to the value of ten thousand pounds for the uses therein mentioned & for raising & collecting the sum of ten thousand pounds for sinking & cancelling the said Bills; many difficulties & objections arose thereupon, and in order to remove them, the Council on the 21st Instant sent a Message to the House of Representatives, to desire a Conference with them upon the subject matter of the said Bill; whereto the House returned for answer "That the said Bill being a money Bill the House "could not consent to any conference with the Council upon the subject matter of the said "Bill"

This being the case the Council found themselves under a necessity of rejecting the said Bill, and have unanimously rejected it accordingly for the following among many other Reasons

First, The Council observed a principal Defect in this Bill; The money proposed to be levyed by it, was not granted to his Majesty, or to be issued by Warrants in Council, as it ought to have been, & has been usually done

2dly The Council observe in general that sundry matters were contained in this Bill that have no necessary or proper connection with a Bill for raising & levying money, to which the Council had exceptions, some whereof they propose to point out to your Excellency hereafter; not but that the Council conceive they have an equal Right with the House of Representatives, to exercise their Judgments upon Money Bills, even when abstracted from all foreign matter; and the Council conceive they have most cogent reasons for the exercise of that Right upon this Bill: For

3dly The Inequality of the Quota's rated by this Bill, are notoriously apparent, and the Council would willingly have been informed upon what grounds & Reasons, and by what measure the House had so apportioned them, that the Council might the better have been enabled to judge of the Equity & Justice of them, for as no reasons were assigned by the Bill, for their manifest Disproportion, till the Council were better informed, they could not but look upon them as unequal & partial. The Council have been at the pains to look into the Taxations of former times, so far back as the year 1699; and it appears from the printed Acts, and by an Extract from the Treasurers accounts (which we beg leave to lay before your Excellency herewith) that from that year to this time the City and County of New York was rated at sometimes about a Fifth, sometimes about a Fourth, but never so much as one third of the whole Tax, two Instances excepted, First, upon the particular occasion of raising a small sum, for soliciting the salt Act; Which as the Council have been credibly informed, was looked upon by the House at that time, to be a more immediate advantage to the Inhabitants of that City: and Secondly When a Tax was imposed for levying Money in the year 1744, the House was induced, as the Council then understood, to raise the proportion of the said City, as great part of the money was to be employed in fortifying that City, and expended there For which Reasons the Council did not then object to that Bill; which Rate however, even with these considerations did not appear altogether satisfactory: But as no such or any other Reasons appeared upon the present Bill, wherein the City & County of New York were rated at seven sixteenths & an half of the whole Tax The Council could not in Justice agree to it. The Council are fully perswaded that no one can be of opinion that the Real & personal Estates of the Inhabitants of the City & County of New York do amount to near one third of the value of the Real & personal Estates of the whole province, and yet even upon the supposition that New York was to be rated at one third, its Quota as proposed by this Bill, beyond one third would exceed the entire Quotas of Queens, Suffolk and Richmond Countys together, by upwards of thirty pounds, and yet Queens County has been rated a Fifth, never less than a Tenth, excepting in those two years of 1729 & 1744; Whereas by this Bill that County is rated under one Eighteenth Suffolk County has been rated near a fifth, never under a fifteenth, but in those two years, and by this Bill, less than a nineteenth; Richmond County has been rated at a Fifteenth, never under a Twenty fifth Excepting in those two years & in 1699, and is now rated under one thirty Eighth

As to Albany the Council observe, that altho' upwards of Eight of the Ten thousand pounds, proposed to be raised by this Bill, was to be applyed for the Defence and Security of that City & County, and expended there, That the County is large & extensive, containing a wealthy City & a large thriving Town, with the whole benefit of the Furr Trade, yet as it is a Frontier, has already felt & is exposed to the Insults & attacks of the Enemy, therefore the Council are of opinion, all due consideration ought to be had, of its advantages & disadvantages with regard to a Taxation

The Council are of opinion, that when any parts of the province are unusually rated, the Reasons for enlarging or diminishing such rate, ought to be set forth in the Bill, that the Council may judge of the Reasonableness of them

The Council have not entered minutely into the Consideration of the respective Quotas rated by this Bill upon the Several other Countys; but the alotment for New York did, in their opinion, far exceed the bounds of Equity

The Council cannot but be of opinion, that the House having denied a Conference upon this Bill, was highly unreasonable, if they thought they were capable of giving satisfaction as to these particulars, without which, the House might well imagine, the Fate of this Bill must necessarily be determined by a Rejection

However the Council beg leave to observe to your Excellency, that could the House have satisfyed the Council concerning these matters, as the Bill was framed 'twas impossible it could have its intended effect, nor could the money have been issued For

4thly The Oaths framed by the Bill to have been administred to the persons proposed to be entrusted with the numbering & signing the Bills for the £10.000 paper currency to be emitted, were penned in such manner, that no conscientious person could take them, or if taken, would it have been practicable to comply with the terms of them; so the money could not have been issued, and consequently the main End of the Bill must have been frustrated, had it even proceeded so far as to have been enacted into a Law

The Clause inflicting a penalty on persons altering or counterfeiting any of the paper money out of the Colony, is to the Council unintelligible, the Indictment to be by any Grand Jury in the Colony & yet the petty Jury to come from the Body of the City & County of New York: nor do the Council understand what is meant by Foreign Issues, as expressed in the Bill

5thly The Council observe to your Excellency, that by this Bill, the House took upon themselves, not only to nominate the persons to receive & apply the money, proposed to be issued, but others to appoint the places where the Blockhouses should be built, upon the Frontiers in Albany, and both (as the Council understand) without your Excellency's approbation, which the Council look upon as interfering with the Executive part of the Government, and were it any wise necessary, that such persons should be named in the Bill, and had the House your Excellency's consent to do, yet the Council apprehend, they had good reason to expect the House would have advised with them thereon; but if (as the House would have it) it is to be a Rule, that money Bills must not be conferred upon, nor amended by the Council, then it will follow, that whatever Defects and Inconsistencys the Council discover in such a Bill, or whatever foreign matter the House thinks proper to tack to it which would be justly liable to exception (even if contained in a seperate Bill) because it is by them called a money Bill, all must be submitted to by the Council, or it must share the same Fate with the present Bill & the publick service be defeated.

These, Sir, are but a small number of the many Exceptions to which the Council conceived this Bill was liable; to particularize them all, would be taking up too much of your Excellency's time, and mispending their own, However they flatter themselves that such as they have pointed out, will be sufficient to show that they had good reasons to reject such a Bill

By order of the Council

PHILIP LIVINGSTON Speaker

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Then the Council adjourned to wait upon his Excellency with the said Representation

The Council being returned and his Excellencey being come to the Council Chamber His Excellency sent a Message to the General Assembly Requiring their attendance at the Council Chamber immediately

The General Assembly attending with their Speaker His Excellency in presence of the Council & the General Assembly gave his Assent to the six following Bills vizt

"An Act for the Regulating the Militia of this Colony

"An Act for raising the sum of £3375 by a publick Lottery for this Colony, for the more "effectual fortifying the City of New York

"An Act to prevent Desertion of his Majesty's Forces in this Colony

"An Act for giving a Reward for such Scalps & prisoners of the Enemy as shall be taken by "the Inhabitants of (or Indians in alliance with) this Colony: and to prevent the Inhabit^s of "the City & County of Albany from selling Rum to the Indians"

"An Act to raise levy & collect the sum of £36 on the City & County of New York for the "uses therein mentioned, and

"An Act for raising the sum of £45 on the Township of Schenectady, for defraying the "charge of keeping in Repair the Fortifications of the said Town"

Then the said Acts were published and his Excell^y prorogued the General Assembly to Tuesday the 4th March next

His Excellency being returned to his Residence

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The General Assembly being prorogued to Tuesday the fourth of March next

The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

TWENTY-FOURTH ASSEMBLY SECOND SESSION

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *began at* Greenwich, *on* Tuesday, March *the* 4th, 1745.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono:* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency being indisposed sent a Message to the General Assembly a copy whereof was sent to the Council and Read and is as follows to wit

Gentlemen,

My present Indisposition prevents my speaking to you in publick: I most earnestly recommend to you to make ample Provision, and that with the utmost Dispatch for all those services which I recommended to you the last Session and hitherto remain unprovided for

G. CLINTON

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

[IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.]

At a Council *held at* his Excellency's Residence *at* Greenwich *the fifth day of* March, 1745.

PRESENT — *His Excellency the Honoble* GEORGE CLINTON,

Mr LIVINGSTON,
Mr KENNEDY,
Mr CHIEF JUSTICE,
Mr COURTLAND,
Mr HORSMANDEN,
Mr MURRAY,
Mr MOORE.

His Excellency communicated to the Board a Message from the General Assembly of this Colony to his Excellency desiring leave to adjourn to the second Tuesday in April next as the Small pox is at Greenwich where they now sit.

Ordered, that the consideration of the aforegoing Letters & papers be referred to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

His Excellency withdrawing the Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Letters and papers. The Committee being agreed on their Report and his Excellency acquainted therewith.

His Excellency returned to the Council Chamber and took his seat

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Honoble James De Lancey Esqr Chairman of the said Committee Reported That it was the opinion of the Committee that in regard his Excellency has several matters of consequence to lay before the Assembly at this time they could not advise his Excellency to adjourn them for so long a time as they requested but rather to adjourn them to the Borough of Westchester to meet on Wednesday the 12th Instant to proceed upon such Business as his Excellency may have to lay before them.

At a Council *held at* his Excellencys Residence *at* Greenwich *the* 17th *of* March, 1745.

PRESENT — *His Excellency the Honoble* GEORGE CLINTON,

Mr KENNEDY, Mr HORSMANDEN,
Mr CHIEF JUSTICE, Mr MOORE.

His Excellency laid before the Council two messages from the Assembly of the 14th Instant, the one desiring leave to adjourn from West Chester where they are now sitting, to Brookland, the other to New York.

The Council knowing that several of the members of the Assembly have not yet had the Small pox and being of opinion that such members would absent themselves if the Assembly should be adjourned to New York where the Small pox is now very rife, advised his Excellency to adjourn the House to Brookland.

Thursday, April 10th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the Assembly by Major Van Horne and Captn Richards with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for a further provision for the fortifying the City of New York In amendments of two "Acts passed for that purpose therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered to be read a second time

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clarkson & Mr Cruger with a Bill Entituled, "An Act to prolong the time limitted for drawing the Lottery appointed in and by An Act "Entituled, An Act for raising the sum of three thousand three hundred & seventy five pounds "by a publick Lottery for this Colony for the more effectual fortifying the City of New York" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading

Then the Council adjourned 10 o clock to morrw A. M.

Fryday April the 11th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE DANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act for a further provision for the fortifying the City of "New York in amendment of two Acts passed for that purpose therein mentioned" and the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prolong the time limitted for drawing the Lottery appointed in and "by An Act Entituled, An Act for raising the sum of £3375 by a publick Lottery for this "Colony for the more effectual fortifying the City of New York" be now read the second time

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till Monday 4 o clock P. M.

Monday, April the 14th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Livingston & Mr Hardenbergh with a Bill Entituled, " An Act for taking affidavits in the several Countys within this Colony to be made " use of in the Supreme Court and empowering the Attorneys of the Supreme Court to practice " in the Mayors Court of the City of New York" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

A Message from the General Assembly by Colle Schuyler and Captain Richard acquainting the Council " That their House conceiving it necessary, to address his Excellency to send sixty " men of the Independant Companys of his Majesty's regular Forces in this Colony to garrison " the Fort at Saraghtoga for the Defence of the Frontiers at this critical Juncture, Desire that " the Council will join with them in an Address to his Excellency for that purpose;"

Ordered, that the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have appointed a Committee of their House or any three of them to be a Commee to confer with a Committee of the General Assembly upon the subject matter of the aforesd Message to morrow Evening at the House of Mr De Joncourt in the City of New York

The Council adjourned till Thursday morning 11 o'clock

Thursday, April the 17th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for taking affidts in the several Countys within " this Colony to be made use of in the Supreme Court and empowering the Attys of the " Supreme Court to practice in the Mayors Court of the City of New York" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock P. M and then met and adjourned till Saturday the 19th Inst 10 o clock

Saturday April the 19th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for a further " provision for the fortifying the City of New York in amendment of two Acts passed for that " purpose therein mentioned

The Committee being agreed on the Report by them to be made thereon
The Speaker resumed the Chair
Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately
Then the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported That the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approv'd of and
Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the third time
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass
The Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 o clock

Tuesday, April the 22^d, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* Esqr, Speaker,

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Council Resolved themselves into a Commēe on the two following Bills vizt
The Bill Entituled, "An Act to prolong the time limited for drawing the Lottery appointed "in & by An Act intituled, An Act for raising the sum of £3375 by a publick Lottery for this "Colony for the more effectual fortifying the City of New York" And the Bill Entituled, "An "Act for taking affidavits in the several Countys within this Colony to be made use of in the "Supreme Court and empowering the Attorneys of the Supreme Court to practice in the "Mayors Court of the City of New York"
The Committee being agreed on the Report by them to be made thereon
The Speaker resumed the Chair
Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately
Then the Hono^ble Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills and had directed him to report them without amendment
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approv'd of And
Ordered, that the said Bills be now read the third time
Then the said Bills were read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bills do pass
Ordered, that the Hono^ble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills and the Bill Entituled, "An Act for taking Aff^ts in the "several Countys within this Colony to be made use of in the Supreme Court and empowering "the Attorneys of the Supreme Court to practice in the Mayors Court of the City of New "York" without any Amendment
The Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 29th Inst: 11: H: A. M.

Tuesday, April the 29th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the General Assembly by Capt: Richard and Mr Cruger with a Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising a supply of the sum of £13000, by a Tax on Estates Real & personal, for "the more effectual fortifying this Colony; For the emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum "for the immed^te answering the necessary services; and for sinking and cancelling the said

"Bills at the several short periods therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Winne & Capt Renselaer with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the establishing a Military Watch for the City & County of Albany" Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, April the 30th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising a supply of the sum of 13000 by a "Tax on Estates Real and personal &c^a be now read the second time; and

On the Question being put

Whether the said Bill sho'd be committed or not?

It was carried in the affirmative and

Ordered that the said Bill be committed

Ordered, that the Bill "for the establishing a Military Watch for the City & County of "Albany" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the 2^d time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o clock

Thursday, May 1st, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the "establishing a Military Watch for the City & County of Albany"

The Committee being agreed on the Report by them to be made thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Commee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same with some amendments

Then the said amendments were read & approv'd of

The Hono^ble John Rutherford Esqr moved that the follow^g clause might be added to the said Bill: vizt

"That upon Alarms and Extraordinary occasions, when the Kings Forces may be obliged to "march or go to the assistance of any Town they shall then be billitted in the same manner, as "the Militia is ordered to be by this Act"

Which motion on the Question being put was disagreed to and

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill as amended was read the third time—and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do carry the said Bill wth the amendments to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with some amendments to which they desire their concurrence.

The Council adjourned till 5 o clock P M.

Thursday, May 1st, 1746. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard & Coll^o Beekman with the Bill Entituled, " An Act for the establishing a Military Watch for the City & County of Albany" and the amendments thereto; acquainting the Council that their House do agree to the amendments made by the Council to the said Bill and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended as follows

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1	22	Strike out [for] & instead thereof insert [in]
	23	Strike out [Billet] and insert [receive] After the word [Person] insert the words [so Billetted] Strike out the words [when he shall be so ordered]
	28	Strike out the second [of] & instead thereof insert [in]
4	20	After the word [County] add the words [with the approbation of the Governour or Commander in Chief for the time being]
5	9	Strike out the first [of]
6	13	Strike out [shall] & insert [may]

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill " for raising a supply of the sum of £13000 by a Tax on Estates Real & personal &c^a"

The Committee being agreed on the report by them to be made thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered that the said Report be made now

Then the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Commee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment

The Hono^ble John Rutherford Esqr moved that as he dissented to the said Bill he desired his Reasons for so doing might be Entered in the minutes Which Reasons being read were

Ordered, to be entered accordingly, and all the rest of the Council Resolved that their Reasons for assenting to the said Bill should be entered likewise & published and are as follow

REASONS offered by the Hono^ble John Rutherford Esqr against passing the Bill for raising £13000 &c^a

I can see no occasion at present for this way of raising money Which tis agreed on all Hands should only be done in cases of necessity, but no such necessity appearing to me at present I think my self obliged to shew my Dissent thereto Especially as I find this is all the money proposed to be issued or raised at this time Which will be so far from being sufficient to put our Frontiers in a good state of Defence, that 'twill scarce be of more Real Service as now to be employed than if no money at all had been raised The End for which the money is to be raised & employed will not be answered, particularly what is to be laid out in the County of Albany, which is the greatest part of it, for the Frontiers there are so extensive that these trifling Blockhouses will be at too great distances from each other to prevent scalping partys, and no Force any where strong enough to give the Militia time to come together for the Defence of the

Country, and his Majesty's three Independent Companys being divided into four different Forts or I should call them rather very inconvenient Barracks extremely ill provided either for defence or Accommodation and at great distances from one another can be of no great service to the publick and should be still more divided as seems expected by this Bill not only the Town of Albany but the whole Country will be in my opinion entirely exposed to any trifling Incursion of the Canadians & Indians in alliance with them I can't conceive upon what pretext the Assembly take upon themselves the Executive part of the Government by nominating persons in the Bill not only to receive & apply the money to be issued but also to appoint places for Blockhouses and by medling in the management of the Militia, which manner of proceeding encroaches so much upon the Royal prerogative and the power & authority of the Commander in Chief of this province as manifestly in my humble opinion tends to a subversion of our happy Constitution besides confining his Excellency to detach the men wanted to defend these Blockhouses out of the Albany Militia will instead of securing & defending that County lay the greatest hardship upon & distress the people wearyed out as they are with the watching & Detachments already made from them, that 'twill be a great means to make most of the people desert the County Whereas had these detachments been ordered to have been made from any of the Countys at a distance from the Frontiers the people detached would have left their Familys in safety and increased the number of Men upon the Frontiers, but those detached from Albany adds nothing to our Numbers on the Frontiers and must leave their Familys exposed to the Murders & Rapines of the most barbarous Enemys in the World I could add many Reasons why I think this Bill will do more hurt than service and instead of relieving the distressed ffrontiers will make them lose the Hopes they have hitherto had of relief which they have a right to expect from their fellow Subjects but those I have mentioned will be sufficient to vindicate me in protesting against passing this Bill

JOHN RUTHERFORD

REASONS of the Council for passing the Bill for raising a supply of the sum of £13000 by a Tax on Estates Real & Personal &c

There are many concurring Reasons which induce us to give our assent to this Bill at this critical conjuncture

1 The Reasons setforth in the preambles to the several parts of this Bill are in our estimation of sufficient weight of themselves to engage our assent

Necessity absolutely requires that the several services provided for by it should be performed by the utmost Despatch

The State of our Treasury is such through the decline of Trade occasioned by the war that it does not answer even the ordinary annual Support of the Governm^t so that no money is to be expected from thence to answer extraordinary services nor do we conceive it possible that such can be performed without ready money which is not to be had in any other method (that we have heard or can think of) than in the way proposed by this Bill. We are as much averse to the issuing more paper money, or the having any at all as any one can be. But as the Tax to be levyed cannot immediately be paid in to the Treasury and one third of the Bills are to be sunk at the end of each year for 3 years successively as the Tax is to come in and consequently the whole £13,000 to be sunk within that term we think, its put upon the best footing of any paper money Extant and 'tis highly Expedient this money should be immediately issued to answer the Exigencys of the province at this Juncture and when so considerable a sum as £13,000 is to be raised by this Bill to be laid out in the extraordinary (and as we conceive immediately necessary) services of this province therein particularized We are somewhat surprized to hear it advanced that "twill be so far from being sufficient to put our Frontiers in "a good state of Defence that twill scarce be of more real service as now to be employed "than if no money at all had been raised

2^d The immediate security of our Northern Frontiers (now naked and defenceless) is of high concernment at this Juncture and cannot but engage the most earnest attention of all considerate people and could we possibly be slack in a matter of so much importance the frequent notices we receive of the Encursions of the Enemy and Savages under their Influence make into the County of Albany the mischiefs they have lately done, and the daring Insults they have offered near that City and the Town of Schonectady were enough to quicken our endeavours almost at any adventure for giving protection to our out-settlements

The Building of Blockhouses to cover our Frontier Settlements was thought a matter of great consequence to have done by the Commissioners of Indian Affairs and proposed by them to his Excellency as such to be recommended to the Assembly to make provision for: His Excellency communicated this proposal to the Council and his Excellency and Council approving of it the making provision for putting that scheme in Execution was strongly enforced by his Excellency to the Assembly this Session and they have done it by this Bill

The Neighbouring Colonies the Massachusets and Connecticut have thought this method of great security to them against the Incursions of the French and their Savages for it settles a line of Communication upon their Frontiers and our Blockhouses are proposed to continue that line

from the northwest corner of the Blockhouse in New England nearest this province towards the Fort in the Mohawks Country at such distances and places as his Excellency shall direct or approve of and we conceive that these Blockhouses and Garrisons provided for by this Bill must necessarily interrupt & deter the Enemy from invading those Frontiers and we think this article has been already too long neglected Wherefore necessity requires the utmost dispatch at this Crisis for putting that scheme in execution which if this Bill be not passed into a Law cannot be done more especially considering the present Temper of our Indians their Inactivity and Declarations for standing neuter in the war and rather (as matters have been managed with them of late considering there is some reason to apprehend their Defection and Revolt to the French we think every one must be of opinion these Blockhouses must be a great security and afford some protection to our out-settlements till we can be enabled to give them better As to the Hardship upon the people of Albany County as has been taken notice of by the Gent^n for the negative side of this debate that their Militia should be obliged to garrison these Blockhouses which will be a means of many familys being left Exposed, whilst the heads or masters of 'em are detained in Garrison

We could have wished that the Assembly had made more ample provision touching this head, that his Excellency might have been effectually enabled to have made Draughts out of the Militia in the remote County's to have strengthened the Frontiers in Albany County and have maintained and paid them for that service, but because the Assembly have not done the utmost that could have been desired when they have provided for some services which we think of Importance at this Crisis We can see no reason why the Bill should be rejected for that defficency

As to the Blockhouses It is to be observed that this line of Blockhouses is proposed (and we think must be of great use though they may happen to be at greater distances and there are fewer of them than we could wish) to prevent the Enemy penetrating into that County and we think cannot fail of Answering that end in a great measure and suppose some Hardships will attend the people of Albany County by Garrisoning them yet as by much the greatest part of the money proposed to be raised by this Bill is to be laid out in the guarding defending and securing that Frontier County and the Out Settlements thereof against the Enemy without which they must undoubedly be more exposed and be liable to many more and greater hardships and inconveniences and thereby more strongly induced to leave the County We conceive it will be much more for the ease and benefit even of the Inhabitants of that County to pass this Bill than to reject it; as to what is said relating to the Independant companys, if they are kept full, and no more or otherwise divided than as mentioned in the objection, we do not think any such consequences will follow therefrom as has been insinuated

3. As to the persons being named in the Bill who are to receive and apply the money proposed to be issued by it and to appoint the places for Blockhouses His Excellency (as we have understood) approved of (and we had no objection to) those persons for the purpose and therefore their names were inserted and the Bill provides that the Blockhouses shall be erected in such places as his Excellency shall approve of and upon an attentive perusal of this Bill we are of opinion that no part of it does encroach upon the royal prerogative or the power and authority of the Commander in Chief or any wise tend to affect our happy Constitution which we are ever Axious to maintain and preserve

Lastly. If the Gentleman for the negative could have offered any (as he insinuates that he could add many) Reasons "Why he thought this Bill would do more hurt than service, and "instead of relieving the distressed Frontiers would make them loose the hopes they have "hitherto had of Relief which they have a right to expect from their fellow Subjects;" We conceive that he has not done that Justice to the publick or himself in concealing them which (if any such he could have added) The duty of his station as one of his Majestys Council for this province ought to have laid him under an indispensible obligation of Communicating, but as he has not, we are willing to believe that he would have had so great a Regard to his trust as to have mentioned any further objection, that he Judged to be of Weight, if any he had, rather than to suppose he had one, and did not

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock And then met and Adjourned to Brookland on Saturday the third day of May: A. M. 11 o clock

Brookland, on Nassau Island, Saturday, May the 3d, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency the Governour being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly Requiring their immediate attendance with their Speaker and they attending accordingly

His Excellency in presence of the Council and General Assembly gave his Assent to the following Bills vizt

No 1 An Act for a further provision for the fortifying the City of New York, in amendment of two Acts passed for that purpose therein mentioned

No 2 An Act to prolong the time limited for drawing the Lottery appointed in and by An Act intituled, An Act for raising the sum of £3375 by a publick Lottery for this Colony for the more effectual fortifying the City of New York

No 3 An Act for taking affidavits in the several Countys within this Colony to be made use of in the Supreme Court and empowering the Attorneys of the Supreme Court to practice in the Mayors Court of the City of New York

No 4 An Act for raising a supply of the sum of thirteen thousand pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and personal for the more effectual fortifying this Colony, for the emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum; for the immediate answering the necessary services, and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills at the several short periods therein mentioned

No 5 An Act for the establishing a Military Watch for the City and County of Albany

After which his Excellency caused the said Acts to be published and directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House till the first Tuesday in June next to meet at Brookld on Nassau Island

The Council returned to the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair

His Excellency having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn that House till the first Tuesday in June next

The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

TWENTY-FOURTH ASSEMBLY THIRD SESSION.

Council Chamber, *in the City of* New York, Tuesday *the third day of* June, 1746.

The Council and General Assembly being adjourned to this day

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council adjourned to the 5th Instant 11 o clock A M

Thursday, June the 5th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Honourable Daniel Horsmanden Esqr moved that a Bill which he had prepared and had in his Hand Entituled, "An Act to prevent the exportation of the provisions, Gunpowder, "Arms, all kinds of ammunition, warlike stores and white pine Inch Boards" might be read

Which motion having been agreed to

The said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

The Council adjourned to Brookland on Nassau Island to meet to morrow morning 11 o clock

Brookland, on Nassau Island, Friday, June the 6th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency the Honourable George Clinton Captain General and Governour in Chief of this province being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance Who attending with their Speaker

His Excellency then made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly and afterwards left the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read, which being read accordingly it is

Ordered, that the same be entered in the minutes which is as follows :

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

It has been signified to me, by Letter from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, of the 9th of April last (which I have received by Express from Governor Shirley, an Extract whereof I shall order to be laid before you) that his Majesty has been pleased to order an Expedition, against the French Settlements in Canada, and I am commanded (as the other Governors of his Majesty's Colonies are) forthwith to make the necessary Dispositions, for raising as many Men, within my Government, as the Shortness of Time will permit, to be employed in Concert with his Majesty's regular Forces, on this important Service.

It is his Majesty's Intention, that the Troops to be raised in North-America, should consist of Companies of 100 Men each; and that those that should be raised in the several Provinces of New-York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, be formed into one Corps, to be commanded by Mr. Gooch, Lieut. Governor of Virginia, whom the King has been pleased on this Occasion, to promote to the Rank of a Brigadier General.

The happy Consequences which will redound to his Majesty's Colonies on this Continent, the Advantage of the common Cause, and the British Interest in general, from the Success of such an Enterprize, must be thought of Weight sufficient to inspire every loyal Breast, and true Lover of his Country, with a suitable Zeal and Resolution, for contributing the utmost in their Power, towards the Accomplishment of the present Undertaking.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

In Consequence of what I have now mentioned, I must recommend it to you in the most earnest Manner, to make ample Provision, and that with the greatest Dispatch you possibly can, to enable me effectually to answer his Majesty's Expectations from his loyal Subjects of this Province, That we may signalize ourselves in the Part his Majesty expects we should bear

in this intended Service: It is with the greatest pleasure, I have now received your Resolve, of the 25th of February last, in answer to Mr Shirley's Letter, of the 13th of January preceeding; wherein you have expressed yourselves with a becoming Warmth and Heartiness, that if his most gracious Majesty should think fit to undertake the Expedition therein mentioned; this Colony would chearfully contribute any Thing in its Power, for the vigorous Prosecution of such an Enterprize, which leaves no Room for doubt, as you have now the Opportunity offered, that you will act with a Spirit and Resolution, becoming the Importance of the present Occasion.

Gentlemen of the Council,

I am perfectly assured also, that you will co-operate with the General Assembly, with your usual Ardour for his Majesty's Honour and Service, and that nothing will be wanting on your Parts, for the Advancement of this commom Cause.

Gentlemen of the Council and General-Assembly,

I am perfectly satisfied, that it is needless for me to recommend the cultivating an Union and Harmony amongst you, upon a Subject so agreeable to all your Inclinations; his Majesty's paternal Care of his remotest Subjects has been always remarkable, during the whole Series of his auspicious Reign, but more eminently conspicuous upon this important Occasion; and his Majesty having been pleased to take into his royal Consideration, the Dangers these Colonies have constantly been exposed to, from the Incroachments and Insults of the Subjects of the French King, has been graciously disposed to set on Foot an Expedition, the Success whereof will free you and your Posterity from that Danger and the heavy Expence attending it; this Instance of his royal Goodness and Tenderness towards you, cannot, and I am persuaded, will not, fail of meeting with all due Returns of Duty, Loyalty and Gratitude.

G. Clinton.

The Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr moved that an Address be presented to his Excellency "To thank his Excellency for his Speech on this important occasion; To express the Gratitude of the Council to his Majesty, for this Instance of his tender Regard for the Interest and prosperity of his Colony And to assure his Excellency that it is the unalterable purpose of the Council to evince by their actions, the sincerity of their Intentions in promoting this service"

Which Motion being unanimously agreed to

Ordered, that the Honoble James De Lancey, Daniel Horsmanden and Joseph Murray Esqrs be a Committee to prepare the Draft of an Address accordingly

The Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee withdrew

The Committee appointed to draw the Draft of an Address to his Excellency, being returned to the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Then the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr from the said Committee presented to the Council the Draft of the said Address

Ordered, that the same be read immediately

Then the same was read and approved of and

Ordered, to be engrossed and being engrossed was

Ordered to be signed the Speaker

Ordered, that the Honoble Joseph Murray and John Moore Esqrs do wait on his Excellency and desire to know when his Excellency will please to be attended with the said Address

Then the said Gentlemen withdrew and being returned reported "That they had attended his Excellency with the said message and that he was pleased to appoint immediately

The Council adjourned to wait on his Excellency with their Address

The Council being returned to the Council Chamber

The Speaker assumed the Chair and Reported to the Council That having attended his Excellency with their Address, His Excellency was pleased to Return a favourable Answer thereto

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be Entered in the Minutes, which are as follow:

To His Excellency the Honourable George Clinton Captain General and Governour in Chief of the province of New York, and the Territorys thereon depending in America, Vice Admiral of the same, and Vice Admiral of the Red Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

The Humble Address of the Members of his Majesty's Council for the province of New York

May it please your Excellency

We the members of his Majesty's Council most chearfully embrace the opportunity of Returning your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your speech on this important occasion, and are perfectly sensible We should be unworthy of his Majesty's paternal Care of the remotest of

his Subjects, did we not zealously exert our utmost Vigour in the prosecution of this important enterprize

As we want words to express our Gratitude to his Most sacred Majesty for this Instance of his tender Regard, for the Interest and prosperity of his Colonys; It is our unalterable purpose to evince by our Actions. the sincerity and Heartiness of our Intentions in promoting a service which his Majesty, and every loyal subject must have warmly at Heart

By order of the Council

PH: LIVINGSTON Speaker

His Excellency's ANSWER to the said Address

Gentlemen of the Council

I return you my hearty thanks for your Address: Your grateful sense of his Majesty's paternal care and Tenderness for his Colonys, and the Warmth you express for the Execution of this important enterprize renders you worthy of the Trust, the King is pleased to repose in you, and must highly recommend you to his Majesty

G CLINTON

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of provisions, "Gunpowder, Arms, all kinds of Amunition, Warlike Stores, and White pine inch Boards" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned to the Council Chamber in the City of New York to meet on Monday next at 10 o clock in the forenoon

Council Chamber *in the City of* New York, Monday, June *the* 9th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, "An "Act to prevent the Exportations of provisions, Gunpowder, Arms, all kinds of Ammunition, "Warlike Stores and White pine Inch Boards"

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon, when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

The Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report it without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed Which being engrossed

Ordered that the same be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and desire their concurrence thereto

Then the Council adjourned till Thursday the 12th Instant at 11 o clock in the Forenoon

Thursday, June the 12th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono:* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clarkson & Captain Livingston with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of provisions, Gunpowder, Arms, all kinds of "Ammunition, Warlike stores & White pine Inch Boards" acquainting the Council that they have passed the said Bill with several amendments To which they desire their concurrence

Then the said amendments were read and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Council do agree to the said amendments

Ordered, that the Bill be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended

Ordered, that the Hono Philip Courtlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council do agree to the amendments made by them to the aforesaid Bill and have ordered the Bill to be amended

Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday morning next at 11 o clock to meet at Brookland on Nassau Island

Brookland, on Nassau Island, June 17th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency the Governour being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance And they attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Excellency gave his Assent to the following Bill

"An Act to prevent the Exportation of provisions, Gunpowder, Arms, all kinds of ammunition, "warlike Stores and White pine Inch Boards

Then the said Act was published at Brookland in the usual manner

The Council being returned to the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Mr Hardenburg with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive and continue the several actions, pleadings, processes & proceedings "which were commenced & depending in the late Inferior Court of Common Pleas for Westchester County Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered that the said Bill be read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a second reading

A Message from the Assembly by Mr Clarkson and Mr Cruger Desiring the Council will be pleased to appoint a Committee to join a Committee of their House. to consider of the most speedy and effectual means for the execution of that part that this Colony is to take in the intended expedition against Canada

Ordered, that the Honble James De Lancey, Philip Courtlandt, Daniel Horsmanden, Joseph Murray & John Moore Esqrs be a Committee (with Liberty to such other of the Gentlemen of the Council as will attend) to Join a Committee to be appointed by the General Assembly for

the purposes mentioned in the above Message by Mr Clarkson and Mr Cruger; That the said Committee do meet at the House of the Widow Waghorn in the City of New York on Wednesday the 18th Instant at 6 o clock in the evening and have Liberty to adjourn from time time

Ordered, that the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have appointed a Committee as aforesaid

Then the Council adjourned to the Council Chamber In the City of New York till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Council Chamber *In the City of* New York, Wednesday, June *the* 18th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILLIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Livingston and Captain Richard acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have appointed a Committee to meet the Committee of the Council at the time & place mentioned in the Council's Message of yesterday

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive and continue the several actions, "pleadings, processes, and proceedings which were commenced and depending in the late "Inferior Court of Common pleas for Westchester County" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday, June the 19th, 1746.

The Council met and adjourned till Saturday morning 10 o clock

Saturday, June the 21st, 1746.

The Council met and adjourned till Monday next 4 o clock Pt Merid

Monday, June 23d, 1746. Pt Merid.

The Council met and adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Tuesday, June the 24th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the Assembly by Collo Haring and Mr Hardenburg with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual preventing the Exportation of provisions and warlike stores" Desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said Bill be now read
Then the said Bill was read the first time &
Ordered a 2d Read
The Council adjourned till 10 ° clock to morrow morning

Wednesday, June the 25th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DELANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual preventing the Exportation "of provisions and Warlike Stores" be now read the second time
Then the said Bill was read the second time &
Ordered to be Cõmitted
The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the said Bill
The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the same and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same
The Speaker resumed the Chair
Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately
Then the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same with several Amendments Which he delivered in at the Table and the Same were read; and the Report
On the Question being put was agreed to and approved of
Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the third time as amended
Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill with the Amendments do pass
Ordered, that the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do carry the said Bill with the amendments made thereto by the Council, to the General Assembly & acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with those Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence
Then the Council Resolved themselves into a Commẽe on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to "Revive and continue the several actions pleadings, processes & proceedings which were "commenced and depending in the late Inferior Court of Common pleas for Westchester "County"
The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be now made

Then the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Commée had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report it without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the third time

Then the same was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Stephen Bayard Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday, June the 26th, 1746.

The Council met and adjourned till Saturday morning 11 o clock

Saturday, June the 28th, 1746.

The Council met & adjourned till Tuesday morning 11 ° clock

Tuesday, July the 1st, 1746.

The Council met & adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Wednesday, July the 2^d^, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hardenbergh and Colonel Haring with the Bill Entituled, " An Act for the more effectual preventing the Exportation of provisions & " Warlike stores; acquainting the Council that the General Assembly do agree to the amendments made by them to the said Bill and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was amended as follows.

Page 1 Line 13 After the word [Act] the words [and subject to the penaltys and Forfeitures therein] were inserted

19 After the word [Fleets] the words [or Forces] were inserted

26 After the word [pounds] the clause [And be it Enacted That the oath required by the said Act to be taken before his Excellency the Governour may be taken before any of the officers of his Majesty's Customs beforementioned who are are hereby fully authorized & empowered to administer the same] was inserted

29 After the word (authority) the word [aforesaid] was inserted

The Speaker left the Chair and withdrew

The Hono^ble Philip Courtlandt Esqr came to the Council Chan ber and assumed the Chair

The Hono^ble Stephen Bayard Esqr one of the members of this Board appointed by his Excellency (together with Mr Edward Holland) to take upon him the care of building Battoes for the use of the Expedition Declaring that he had this morning spoke with all or most of the head Ship-Carpenters, and many Master Carpenters in this City to engage them in building Battoes and that he had several times before spoke to several of them to the same purpose and offered to be their paymaster Who did refuse to enter upon that service unless one & all were obliged by a Law, upon the pretence that they were engaged in particular Jobbs

The Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr thereupon moved that a Bill which he had prepared and had in his Hand Entituled, " An Act for impressing Ship Carpenters, House Carpenters, " Joiners, Sawyers and their Servants and all other Artificers & Labourers for the building of " Battoes and also for impressing Horses, Waggons and all other Things necessary for the " carrying on the Expedition ag^t Canada with the utmost Dispatch" might be read

Which motion being agreed to The said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard & Mr Cruger with the Bill Entituled, " An Act for the fixing & determing the Drawing of the publick Lottery for this Colony on or " before the first of September next" Desiring the concurrece of the Council thereto

Ordered that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a second reading

The Council adjourned till 6 o clock P. M. and then met and adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o cl.

Thursday, July the 3^d, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, " An Act for the fixing and determining the drawing of the " publick Lottery for this Colony on or before the first of September next" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

Then the Council resolved themselves into a Committee on the said Bill

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon when the Council would be pleased to receive the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Commée had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill was

Ordered a third reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for impressing Ship Carpenters, House Carpenters, " Joiners, Sawyers & their Servants and all other Artificers & Labourers for the Building of " Battoes, and also for impressing Horses, Waggons & all other Things necessary for the " carrying on the Expedition against Canada with the utmost Dispatch" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o clock

Fryday, July the 4th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*ble CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DELANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Collo Beekman & Collo Haring with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Encouraging of Voluntiers to inlist into his Majesty's service upon "the Expedition against Canada" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading

Ordered that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the fixing & determining the drawing of the "publick Lottery for this Colony on or before the first of September next" be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for "impressing Ship Carpenters, House Carpenters, Joiners Sawyers, and their Servants and all "other Artificers & Labourers for the building of Battoes and also for impressing Horses, "Waggons, and all other things necessary for the carrying on the Expedition against Canada "with the utmost Dispatch"

The Committee being agreed on the Report by them to be made thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed

Council adjourned till 5 o clock P. M.

Fryday, July the 4th, 1746. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*ble CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Engrossed Bill Entituled, "An Act for impressing Ship Carpenters, House "Carpenters, Joiners, Sawyers & their Servants and all other Artificers & Labourers for the "building of Battoes and also for impressing Horses, Waggons, & all other things necessary "for the carrying on the Expedition against Canada with the utmost Dispatch" be now read the third time

Then the same was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly & desire their concurrence thereto

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Joseph Murray Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the fixing & determining the drawing of "the publick Lottery for this Colony on or before the first of September next" without amendment

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Saturday, July 5th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Hono^ble James De Lancey made a motion in the words following to wit

As undoubted Intelligence has been received of the Defeat of the Rebells I move that a Committee be appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to congratulate his Majesty upon the success of his arms in the total Defeat of the Rebells by the Forces under the Command of his Royal Highness the Duke and to return his Majesty Thanks for his paternal care of his Subjects of his American Colonys in having given orders for the equipping & setting forth an Expedition against the French Settlements in Canada, The success whereof will be attended with the happiest consequences to his Majesty's British Dominions in general and his American Colonys in particular And further that the General Assembly be desired to appoint a Committee of their House to join the said Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address

Which motion being seconded by the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr was unanimously agreed to and

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Philip Livingston, James De Lancey & Daniel Horsmanden Esq^rs be a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address and that they meet on Monday next at 6 o clock in the afternoon at the House of the Widow Waghorne.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^o Haring and Mr Hardenbergh with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to repeal An Act therein mentioned so far as it relates to the Freeholders & "Inhabitants of the Township of Brucklyn in Kings County within this Colony" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for encouraging of Voluntiers to inlist into his "Majesty service upon the Expedition against Canada" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till Monday morning 11 o clock

Monday, July the 7th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DAN^l HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the "encouraging of Voluntiers to inlist into his Majesty's service upon the Expedition against "Canada"

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the same and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said report be made immediately

Then the Hono: Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Cōmee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report it without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^{ble} Archibald Kennedy Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment

Ordered, that the Hono^{ble} Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have appointed the Hono. Philip Livingston, James De Lancey and Daniel Horsmanden Esq^{rs} to be a Committee to prepare the Draft of An Address to Congratulate his Majesty upon the Success of his Arms in the total Defeat of the Rebells by the Forces under the Command of his Royal Highness prince William, Duke of Cumberland, and to return his Majesty Thanks for his paternal care of his Subjects of his American Colonys in having given orders for the equipping & setting forth an Expedition against the French Settlements in Canada; The success whereof will be attended with the happiest Consequences to his Majesty's British Dominions in general and his American Colonys in particular; That the said Committee are to meet at the House of the Widow Waghorne in the City of New York at 6 o clock this Evening And that the Council do desire the General Assembly would appoint a Committee of their House to join the said Committee at the Time and place abovementioned for the purpose aforesaid

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Tuesday, July the 8th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DELANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

As the severity of the Weather yesterday prevented the meeting of the Committee of the Council appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Majesty. It is

Ordered, that the Hono: Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have altered the time of meeting of the said Committee to this Evening at 6 ° clock

The Council adjourned till 3 ° clock P. M

Tuesday, July 8: 1746. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT as in the Forenoon

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly acquainting the Council that they have appointed a Committee of their House to join the Committee of the Council to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Majesty pursuant to the Council's Message of the 7th Instant, to meet at the time & place appointed

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Wednesday, July the 9th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono.* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Hono Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Reported that the Committees of the Council & General Assembly appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Majesty had met and Jointly agreed upon the Draft of the said Address which was Read & approved of
The Council adjourned till 10 o clock to morrow morning

Thursday, July the 10th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono:* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DELANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the General Assembly by Collo Philipse and Collo Chambers acquainting the Council that they have approved of the Draft of the Address to his Majesty prepared by the joint Committees
Ordered, that the Honoble Stephen Bayard Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have approved the Draft of the Address to his Majesty and have appointed the Hono: Daniel Horsmanden Esqr to wait on his Excellency the Governour to morrow morning at 9 o clock to desire his Excellency will be pleased to join therein and further that the Council desire the General Assembly will appoint some of their members to wait on his Excellency at the same time for the like purpose
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Captain Richard with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising a supply of forty thousand pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and "personal for carrying on an Expedition against the French in Canada; for emitting Bills of "Credit for the like sum and for sinking & cancelling the said Bills in short periods and for "other purposes therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said Bill be read
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading
The Council adjourned till 3 o clock P. M.

Thursday, July the 10th, 1746. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono:* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DELANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising a supply of £40 000 by a Tax on "Estates Real & personal for carrying on an Expedition against the French in Canada, for "emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum and for sinking & cancelling the said Bills in short "periods and for other purposes therein mentioned" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed
The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill
The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their report thereon
The Speaker resumed the Chair
Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately
Then the Hono: Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report it without amendment
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved and the Bill
Ordered a third Read^g
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Fryday, July the 11th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
JAMES DELANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the General Assembly by Col^o Philipse and Captn Richard with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for impressing Ship Carpenters, House Carpenters, Joiners, Sawyers & their "Servants and all other Artificers and Labourers for the building Bartoes, and also for impressing "Horses, Waggons, and all other Things necessary for the carrying on the Expedition against "Canada with the utmost Dispatch" acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the said Bill with an amendment, to which they desire their concurr^e
Then the said amendment was read and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the Council do not agree to the said amendment
Ordered, that the Hono^ble John Moore Esqr do carry back the Bill with the amendment to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council do not agree to the said amendment
A Message from the General Assembly by Coll^o Chambers & Coll^o Haring with a Bill Entituled, "An Act to detach three hundred men from the City & County of Albany to serve on the "intended Expedition against Canada" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said Bill be read
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading And then read the second time and
Ordered to be committed
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of £40.000 by a Tax on "Estates Real & personal for carrying on an Exped^n ag^st the French in Canada for emitting "Bills of Credit for the like sum and for sinking & cancelling the said Bills in short periods & "for other purposes therein mentioned" be now read the third time
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass
Ordered, that the Hono: John Moore Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment
The Council adjourned til to morrow morning 9 o clock

Saturday, July the 12th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the chair

The Hono: Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Reported that he had according to order with Collo Morris & Collo Beekman two members of the General Assembly waited on his Excellency and desired he would be pleased to join in an Address to his Majesty prepared by the joint Committees of the Council and the General Assembly The Draft whereof he presented to his Excellency That his Excellency directing himself to the members of the Assembly was pleased to say that he had sent a Message to their House on the 8th Instant and that he had not received any answer thereto He could not till then determine whether he would join in the said Address or not and further that his Excellency desired he would return the like answer to the Council

A Message from the General Assembly by Collo Phillipse & Captain Richard with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for impressing Ship Carpenters, House Carpenters, Joiners, Sawyers & "their Servants and all other Artificers and Labourers for the building of Battoes, and also for "impressing Horses, Waggons & all other Things necessary for the carrying on the Expedition "against Canada with the utmost Dispatch," and the amendment made thereto by the General Assembly acquainting the Council that they do adhere to the said amendment

Then the amendment was again read and

On the question being put

Resolved that the Council do agree to the said amendment

Ordered, that the Bill be amended accordingly, and that the Hono Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have agreed to the said amendment &

Ordered the Bill to be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was amended by adding the following clause at the end thereof to wit

Provided always and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid That no Ship Carpenter, House Carpenter, Joiner Sawyer or their servants or any other Artificer or Labourer whatsoever living in the City & County of New York, County of Richmond, County of Westchester or in any of the Countys on Nassau Island shall be liable to be impressed for any of the aforesaid services other than such as are to be done & performed in the City and County of New York or in any of the aforesaid Countys to which the several Artificers may belong; anything in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to "detach three hundred men from the City & County of Albany to serve on the intended "Expedition to Canada"

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono: Daniel Horsmanden Esq Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with several amendments

Which having been Read the Report was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill as amended do pass

Ordered, that the Hono: Stephen Bayard Esqr do carry the said Bill with the amendments thereto to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the same with those amendments to which they desire their concurrence

The Council adjourned till 9 o clock on Monday Morning

Monday, July the 14th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DELANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Mr Speaker Reported that his Excellency had desired him to acquaint the Council that he would join in the Address to his Majesty prepared by the Joint Committees of the Council & General Assembly

Ordered, that the Draft of the Address be altered accordingly and that two copys thereof be ingrossed

Ordered, that the Hono: Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acqt the General Assembly that his Excellency hath signifyed to the Council that he will join in the Address and that the Council have ordered two copies thereof to be engrossed which when signed by the Governour & Council will be sent to them in order to be signed by that House

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock P. M.

Monday, July the 14th, 1746. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Two engrossed Copys of the Address to his Majesty were read and approved of

Ordered that the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do carry the said Engrossed Copys of the Address to his Excellency and desire he will be pleased to sign the same

Ordered, that the said Address be entered in the minutes which is as follows.

To the KING'S most Excellent Majesty.

The humble ADDRESS of the Governor, Council and General-Assembly, of the Colony of New-York.

Most gracious Sovereign,

We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Governor, Council and General-Assembly, of your Majesty's Colony of New York, beg Leave to present our most sincere and hearty Congratulations, upon the glorious Success of your Majesty's Arms, under the Command and Conduct of his Royal Highness the Duke; whereby the rebellious daring Attempts of your Majesty's deluded Subjects, excited and assisted by the most inveterate and implacable Enemies to our happy Constitution, have (to the great Disappointment and Confusion of both) by the Blessing of God been rendered vain and abortive.

May this ever be the Fate of your Majesty's foreign and domestick Enemies; may the British Throne be established in your Majesty's august House, reigning in perpetual Peace in the Hearts and Affections of a grateful dutiful and loyal People, till time shall be no more.

Permit us, Dread Sovereign, upon this happy Occasion, to return our most unfeigned grateful Thanks, for your Majesty's paternal Care of your remotest Subjects, the Colonies of North-America, in setting on Foot at this critical Conjuncture, an Expedition against our natural Enemies the French, in Canada; who from their Situation upon the Back of all the Frontiers of these your Majesty's Dominions, and their exorbitant Incroachments, and wicked Intrigues with the native Savages, are become the Pest of these Countries from which, by the Opportunity your Majesty has now been favourably pleased to put into our Hands, through your beneficient Tenderness of these Colonies; the Assistance of the royal Armament, and our own united

Endeavours, we hope by the same Blessing of Providence, we shall be effectually relieved, and such a Branch of Trade enlarged and established, as will be attended with the most extensive and lasting Advantages to your Majesty's Dominion in general, and the Northern Colonies in particular.

That your Majesty's Arms may be blessed with a constant Series of Success, and be the happy Means of restoring the general Repose and Tranquility, and your Majesty's faithful Subjects thereby confirmed in the free and uninterrupted Possession of their just Rights of Trade and Navigation, are the most sincere and hearty Wishes of,

May it please your Majesty, Your Majesty's,
Most dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

The Council adjourned till 9 o clock to morrow morning

Tuesday, July the 15th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Abraham Lott with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to detach three hundred men from the City & County of Albany to Serve "in the intended expedition to Canada" with the amendmts made thereto by the Council acquainting the Council that the General Assembly agree to the said Amendments and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was amended as follows

pa 1 Line 19 Strike out the word [their] and insert the word [the]
20 Leave out the Words [under their command] and insert instead thereof the words [throughout the County]
pa 2 Line 25 Strike out the first [his] & insert the words [the said]
27 Strike out the words [as shall be]
28 Between the words [aforesaid] & [shall] insert the word [Who]
pa 3 Line 5 After the word [aforesaid] add the words [and in case no Goods or Chattells are to be found He or they shall suffer twelve months Imprisonment without Bail or mainprize unless he or they shall sooner pay the same
10 Strike out [of] & insert [for]
11 Strike out [Fines] and insert the words [pains]
19 After the word [as] insert the words [have or]

The Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr delivered in at the Table the two engrossed Copys of the Address to his Majesty signed by his Excellency and the same having been signed by the Speaker & the Members of the Council present It is

Ordered, that the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do carry the said engrossed copys of the address to the General Assembly and when that House shall have signed the same that he do then wait upon his Excellency with such Members as they shall appoint for that purpose and deliver the said address to his Excellency in order to be transmitted to his Majesty by the first opportunity

The Council adjourned to Brookland to meet at 11 o clock

Brookland, on Nassau Island, Tuesday, July the 15th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono:* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Collo Phillipse and Collo Morris acquainting the Council that that House having appointed a Committee to take care of the honourable Reception & Entertainment of the Honourable Brigadier Gooch upon his arrival in the City of New York do desire the Council to appoint a Committee to Join them for that purpose

Ordered, that the Honoble James De Lancey, Daniel Horsmanden & Joseph Murray Esqrs be a Committee for the purposes mentioned in the said Message and that the Honoble Joseph Murray Esqr acquaint the General Assembly therewith.

His Excellency the Governour being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance and they attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Excellency then gave his Assent to the following Bills

No 1 An Act for the more effectual preventing the Exportation of provisions & Warlike stores

No 2 An Act to revive and continue the several actions, pleadings, processes and proceedings which were commenced and depending in the late Inferior Court of Common Pleas for West Chester County

No 3 An Act for the fixing and determining the drawing of the publick Lottery for this Colony on or before the first of September next

No 4 An Act for the encouraging of Voluntiers to inlist in his Majesty's service upon the Expedition agst Canada

No 5 An Act for raising a supply of forty thousand pounds by a Tax on Estates Real & personal, for carrying on an expedition against the French in Canada, for emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum, and for sinking & cancelling the said Bills in short periods and for other purposes therein mentioned

No 6 An Act for impressing Ship Carpenters, House Carpenters, Joiners, Sawyers & their servants; and all other Artificers and Labourers for the building of Battoes, and also for impressing Horses, Waggons & all other things necessary for the carrying on the Expedition against Canada with the utmost Dispatch and

No 7 An Act to detach three hundred men from the City and County of Albany to serve on the intended Expedition against Canada

Then his Excellency addressing himself to the General Assembly was pleased to say That after the several Acts aforesaid were published the House might repair to their Assembly Chamber and adjourn itself to Tuesday the 29th Instant to meet at Brookland on Nassau Island and that as he was about to go to Albany, they should, during his absence, consult with the Council with respect to their further adjournment

After which his Excellency caused the said Acts to be published at Brookland and then returned to his Residence at Greenwich

The Council returned to the Council Chamber

PRESENT as before

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency the Governour having directed the General Assembly to adjourn themselves to Tuesday the 29th Instant

The Council therefore adjourned to the same day to meet at Brookland

Brookland, on Nassau Island, Tuesday, July the 29th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono :* JAMES DE LANCEY,, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly being adjourned to Tuesday the twelfth day of August next to meet at Brookland
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day and place

Brookland, on Nassau Island, Tuesday the 12th *day of August,* 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly being adjourned to Tuesday the nineteenth Instant
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Brookland, on Nassau Island, Tuesday the 19th *day of August,* 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly being adjourned to Tuesday the second day of September next to meet at Brookland The Council therefore adjourned to the same day and place

Brookland, on Nassau Island, Septr the 2d, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly being adjourned to Tuesday the 16th Instant to meet at Brookland The Council therefore adjourned to the same day and place

Brookland, on Nassau Island, Tuesday the 16th *day of September*, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly being adjourned to Tuesday the 30th Instant
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day to meet at this place

Brookland, on Nassau Island, the 30th *day of September*, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly being adjourned to Wednesday the Eighth day of October next
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day to meet at this place

Brookland, on Nassau Island, Wednesday the 8th *day of October*, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly being adjourned to Monday the 13th Instant The Council therefore adjourned to the same day to meet at the City of New York

TWENTY-FOURTH ASSEMBLY FOURTH SESSION.

Council Chamber *in the City of* New York, Monday *the* 13th *day of* October, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Council adjourned to Fryday the 17th Instant at 10 o clock in the morning.

Friday, the 17th *day of October*, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Speaker from the Chair acquainted the Council That his Excellency the Governour had sent for him this morning and acquainted him That he had prepared a Speech which he intended to have delivered to the Council and General Assembly but that being seized with a sudden Indisposition he was thereby rendered unable to do it and therefore desired the Speaker would lay the same before the Council in his Excellency's name

Which the Speaker did accordingly

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read

Then the same was read and

Ordered, to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

In Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, I went in July last, to Albany, in order to engage the Indian Nations to join with us in the Expedition against Canada. You are not ignorant of the bad Dispositions the Six Nations have been in for some Time past; and the French of Canada, have been indefatigable in using all the Artifices in their Power, to turn that Disposition to their Advantage. It is not then to be wondered at, that I met with many Difficulties in that Affair; but this I hope will now increase your Pleasure, when I can assure you, that the Six Nations, and the neighbouring Indians, have in the most solemn Manner, joined with us in the War against Canada. Had the Fleet from Great-Britain, arrived at the Time it was expected, the good Effects of the Treaties I had with these Indians, would have been much more manifest than what can now appear, when from unexpected Incidents publickly known, we ourselves have not been able to pursue any steady Measures; and the Mortality of the City of Albany having been communicated to the Indian Camp. (it being impracticable to keep the Indians from the Town, or the Inhabitants from them) I was obliged to dismiss the Indians on their Promise of bringing back all their Force, at any Time I shall direct; however, I already expect that the Inhabitants of Canada feel, in their own Country, the Effects of this Meeting. The Diffidences and Disorders which from some Time past have appeared among the Six Nations, I think could not have happened without some Neglect or Misconduct, in the Management of Indian Affairs. The Enemy gained great Advantages thereby; I must therefore recommend this to your Consideration, as all the Advantages obtained in your late Treaty with them, by much Assiduity, and a great Expence, may be lost, by Neglect in the Conduct of their Affairs, while a watchful and cunning Enemy suffers no Opportunity to slip, of debauching their Minds, and diverting their Affections from us.

When I left this Place, I was in hopes of being freed from the principal Care of the Forces intended to proceed by Land against Canada, by the Arrival of Mr Gooch, whom his Majesty had appointed to command them, and who was then every Day expected; but that Gentleman having absolutely declined the Service, I was obliged to take that Care upon myself.

After we had been so long disappointed in our Expectation of the Arrival of the Fleet, and that any Attemp's by Sea seemed impracticable, I concerted Measures with Mr Shirley, and Mr Warren, to employ the Land Forces to the best Advantage, for the Security of the Frontiers, and Annoyance of the Enemy; but these Measures were disconcerted, by the Accounts received of a Fleet of Ships being on the Coast of Nova Scotia, which was suspected to be the Brest Squadron. It then became necessary for me to make such Dispositions of the Forces at Albany, as I thought would best serve for the Security of this Province, and at the same Time facilitate any Enterprize against the Enemy, that may at any Time hereafter be thought adviseable; and I have, before I left Albany, given Orders accordingly.

The Danger all the English Colonies in North-America, are exposed to by the Arrival of a Squadron of the Enemy's Ships, with a considerable Land Force, as it is said, on the Coast of Nova Scotia, requires our Attention; but I have not as yet received sufficient Information to be able to speak to you particularly on this Head.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

A larger Sum than usually given for the Management of the Indian Affairs, is at this Time necessary, and as by the Orders which I have left behind me at Albany, a Winter Camp is to be formed, and several small Forts and Block Houses to be built, for preserving the

Communication with the Army, and Security of the Frontiers, a considerable Expence must thereby be occasioned; Estimates of which, so far as I can procure them, shall be laid before you. Your own Safety is immediately concerned in the Execution thereof; and as this Province must sensibly feel the Effects of any Misfortune that may happen, and will likewise gain the greatest Advantages from the Success of any Enterprize against Canada, I make no doubt but that you will chearfully contribute all that is in your Power, in furnishing the Means requisite on this Occasion. You must be sensible at what great Expence your Mother Country supports the present War, against the Enemies of the Liberties of Europe, and of the Protestant Religion, and how much this Expence has been increased by a most unnatural Rebellion, which is now happily suppressed; and therefore how justly the King must expect of you a liberal Contribution to the utmost of your Power. When you consider the great Sums which the Crown expends on this Expedition, of which you'll reap the choicest Fruits, any Parsimony or Saving, (however popular this Term may have become) cannot at this Time, be mentioned in your House with Prudence or Decency; and I must recommend it to you, that whatever Expence you shall judge necessary, may be made the least burthensome possible, especially to those who are least able to bear it.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the General Assembly,

It is always to be wished, that a perfect Harmony may subsist between the several Branches of the Legislature, which never was more necessary than now, as we are exposed to a powerful cruel, and deceitful Enemy. Differences often arise from imaginary Evils; and the Weakness of human Nature is such, that Mankind are seldom free from real Causes of Mistrust; but these likewise are often aggravated by the private Views of artful and designing Men: What I shall propose to you on this Occasion, is only to observe to you, that every Branch of the Legislature ought to keep strictly to our happy Constitution, without any one endeavouring to encroach upon the Powers, or Privileges, intrusted with the others; When unhappy Differences have arisen in our Mother Country, from an imprudent or wanton Stretch of Power, in any one of the Parts of Government; a Cure has been attempted, by throwing an Overmeasure of that Power into some other Part, by which the Ballance between the several Parts of Government has been destroyed. The Cure became worse than the Disease, whereby Confusion and Calamity always ensued, till the Ballance was again restored. I am told that something of the like Nature has more than once happened in this Government; let us then guard against such Mischiefs, and let us resolve to shew by our Actions, as well as by Words, that we understand and love the Engl sh Constitution, and thereby convince each other of the Sincerity of our Intentions, for the Good of our Country; and then I make no doubt, all of us shall enjoy the Pleasures which necessarily arise from the good Effects of such a Resolution.

G. Clinton.

Ordered, that his Excellencys Speech be printed and that it be taken into consideration on Monday next

The Council adjourned to Monday the 20th Instant at 4 o clock P Mdm

Monday, October the 20th, 1746. Pt Mdm

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Honoble* Cadwallader Colden, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Daniel Horsmanden,
Joseph Murray,
John Moore, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Governour's Speech be taken into Considn on Thursday next

Then the Council adjourned to Thursday next 11 o clock

Thursday, October the 23d, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Colloo Schuyler and Captn Livingston with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for the establishing a Military Watch "for the City & County of Albany" Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clarkson and Captain Richard with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners to take examine & state the publick accompts "of the Colony from the year 1713" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger & Mr Cornel with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the returning of able & sufficient Jurors and for the better regulation of Juries" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said three Bills be now read

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

The Council adjourned to Saturday morning 11 o clock

Saturday, the 25th *day of October*, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Colloo Morris and Mr Cruger with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the "establishing a Military Watch for the City & County of Albany" The Bill Entituled, "An "Act for appointing Commissrs to take examine & state the publick accompts of the Colony "from the year 1713" and The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act "for the returning of able & suffit Jurors and for the better Regulation of Juries" be now read the 2d time

Then the said three Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned to Monday 4 o clock P. Mdm

Monday, the 27th day of October, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit "of this Colony" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill, and the Bill Entituled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners to take, examine & state the publick accompts "of the Colony from the year 1713" and also the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act "Entituled, An Act for the returning of able & sufficient Jurors and for the better Regulation of Juries"

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said three Bills and had directed him to report them without amendment

Which Report, on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of and the said three Bills

Ordered a third Reading

A Message from the General Assembly by Colo Schuyler & Captn Richard with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from "the first of November 1746 to the first of November 1747" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

The Council then adjourned till Wednesday 3 o clock Pt Mdm

Wednesday, the 29th day of October, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Colo Schuyler & Capt Renselaer with a Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to support the Garrison and Trading "House at Oswego with addition thereto" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Livingston and Colo Haring with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent Desertion of his Majesty's "Forces in this Colony" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger & Capt Stilwell with a Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of two thousand two hundred & fifty pounds by a publick Lottery "for this Colony, for the advancement of Learning and towards the founding a Colledge within "the same" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said three Bills be now read

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed "in this Colony from the first of November 1746 to the first of November 1747" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

Then the Council adjourned till Saturday morning 10 o clock

Saturday, the first day of November, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES DE LANCEY. Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for the "returning of able & suff^t Jurors and for the better regulation of Juries" be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Then the Hono^ble Cadwallader Colden & Philip Livingston Esq^rs came into Council and

Mr Colden took the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony" be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey moved that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for appointing "Commissioners to take, Examine & state the publick accompts of this Colony from the year "1713" might be read the third time and

On the Question being put

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the time and Mr Colden thereupon moved that an amendment might be made thereto and

The question being put

Whether an amendment should be made to the said Bill?

It passed in the Negative

Then the Question being put

Whether the Bill should pass?

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Stephen Bayard Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three aforegoing Bills without amendment

Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 10 o clock

Tuesday, the fourth day of November, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock P M.

Tuesday, the fourth day of November 1746. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to support "the Garrison & Trading House at Oswego with addition thereto" The Bill Entituled, "An Act "to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent Desertion of his Majesty's Forces in this "Colony" and the Bill Entituled, An Act for raising the sum of £2250 by a publick Lottery for "this Colony, for the advancement of Learning and towards the founding a Colledge within the "same" be now read the second time.

Then the said three Bills were read the second and

Ordered to be committed

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll^o Schuyler & Mr Nicoll with a Bill Entituled, "An "Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for and towards supporting the Government of this "Colony by granting to his Majesty the duties therein mentioned from the first day of December "1740 to the first day of December 1741 with an addition thereto" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Major Van Horn and Captain Livingston with a Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of Eighty pounds in the City and "County of New York for the services therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bills be now read

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

Then the Council adjourned till Thursday the sixth day of November 4 o clock P M and then met and

Adjourned till Fryday the 7th Instant 11 o clock A M^dm

Friday, the 7th day of November, 1746. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered. that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for & towards "supporting the Governm^t of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein "mentioned from the first day of December 1740 to the first day of December 1741 with an "addition thereto" and the Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise levy & collect the sum of £80 in "the City & County of New York for the services therein mentioned" be now read the second time

Then the said Bills were read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, "An "Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to prevent Desertion in his Majesty's Forces in "this Colony" The Bill Entituled. "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed "in this Colony from the first of November 1746 to the first of November 1747" and The Bill entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, "An Act for the establishing a Military "Watch for the City & County of Albany"

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said three Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono: Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said three Bills and had directed him to report the two first abovementioned Bills without amendm^t and the other Bill with several amendments

And the said amendments having been read

The Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of

Ordered, that the said three Bills be read the third time

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Saturday, the Eighth day of November, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Schuyler and Captn Richard with a Bill Entituled, " An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of this Colony with an addition thereto" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a second reading

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the following Bills vizt

The Bill Entituled, " An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to support the Garrison " and Trading House at Oswego with addition thereto"

The Bill Entituled, " An Act for raising the sum of £2250 by a publick Lottery for this " Colony for the advancement of Learning & towards the founding a Colledge within the same"

The Bill Entituled, " An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for & towards supporting " the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned from " the first day of December 1740 to the first day of December 1741 with an addition thereto" and

The Bill Entituled, " An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of eighty pounds in the City " & County of New York for the services therein mentioned

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said four Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said four Bills and had directed him to report them without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of and the Bills severally

Ordered a third Read^g

Then the said four Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acq^t the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said four Bills without amendment

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, " An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed " in this Colony from the first of November 1746 to the first of November 1747" and the Bill Entituled, " An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent Desertion of his Majesty's " Forces in this Colony" be now read the third time

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without amendment

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the "establishing a Military Watch for the City & County of Albany" be now read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble John Moore Esqr do carry the said Bill with the amendments to the Genl Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the same with those amendm^ts to which they desire their concurrence

The Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, November the 11th, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank & Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Matthias Thomas Nicolas Tesson, Marie Tesson, Jean Piere Le Brieur, "Charle Julian, Francois Blanchard, Moise Audier, Philip Grim, Jacob Christopher Forster, "Peter Grim, Leonarat Riegeler, Johannes Van Dyck, Adam Ebert, Johannes Jurriaanse, "William Braambos, Willemina Braambos, William Braambos Junr, John Garde and John "George Cook" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act, entituled, An Act for regulating "the Militia of this Colony with an addition thereto" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll^o Schuyler and Captain Bradt with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the establishing a Military Watch "for the City & County of Albany" with the amendments made thereto by the Council acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have agreed to the said amendments and Desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Bill be amended

Then the said Bill was amended by adding at the End of the Title thereof the words [with addition thereto] and at the End of the Bill a clause Laying a penalty on the Officer that mounts Guard for neglect in laying the several Fines and Forfeitures that shall be incurred by and during the continuance of the Act continued in this Bill

Then the Council adjourned till Thursday morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the thirteenth day of November, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for Naturalizing Matthias Thomas and others" do lye on the Table for further consideration

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o cl

Friday, the fourteenth day of November, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Nicoll with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual collecting the Taxes laid by the Acts therein mentioned. Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the s^d Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading

Then the Council adjourned till Monday the 17th Instant and then met and adjourned till Tuesday the 25th Instant and then also met and adjourned to Wednesday the 26 Instant

Wednesday, the 26th day of November, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual collecting the Taxes laid "by the several Acts therein mentioned" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

A petition of the Trustees of the Township of Brucklyn was presented to the Council and being read was

Ordered to be Entered and is as follows

To the Honourable the President and Members of his Majesty's Council for the province of New York

"The Petition of the Trustees of the Township of Brucklyn in Kings County "in behalf of themselves & other the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the said "Towuship

Humbly sheweth

"That the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the said Township being greatly aggrieved by An Act "of the Governour Council and General Assembly made and published in the sixth year of his "present Majesty's Reign Entituled, An Act to regulate the Ferry between the City of New "York and the Island of Nassau and to regulate the Ferriage thereof, did by their humble "petition to the Honourable the Representatives of this Colony made & presented in January "last pray leave to bring in a Bill to relieve your petitioners from the Hardships therein "mentioned

"That thereupon your Petitioners obtained leave to bring in a Bill to the same purpose, "which after some opposition from the Corporation of the City of New York and hearing of "Council on both sides, did at length pass the said Honourable House on the fourth day of July "last and was then ordered to be carried to this Honourable Board praying your Honour's "concurrence

"That your Petitioners Humbly hope the said Bill contains sufficient Reasons within it self "to move this Honourable Board to concur with the General Assembly in passing the said Bill "into An Act. The whole scope whereof not being to give the Freeholders & Inhabitants of

" the Township of Brucklyn any Right which they had not before the passing the said Act of " the sixth year of his present Majesty Nor to take from the City & Corporation of New York " and (*sic*) Right which it had before the making the said Act but only to remove a Grievance " occasioned by the said Act and to leave both parties in the possession and Enjoyment of their " particular Rights which they had antecedent to the said Act, without any Benefit to the one " party or prejudice to the other by the continuance of the said Act

" That your petitioners humbly hope that this Hono^ble Board will be of opinion that property " ought to have been left to the Trial of Law in the known and established Courts of Justice " within this Colony and that no Act ought to have been made to exclude or debar your " petitioners of the free Exercise of their former priviledges of free Ferriage in their own boats " claimed by Law to be annexed to their ancient Freeholds Especially that it was a very great " Hardship to subject your petitioners by the said Act to the judgment of the Magistrates of " the City of New York who are actually Parties interested against them

" Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray your Honours to concur with the General " Assembly in passing the said Bill now before this Honourable Board into a Law.

And your pet^rs shall ever pray &c

JACOBUS LEFFERTSE
PIETER VAN DERVOORT,
HENDRICK REMSEN
} *Trustees of the Freeholders & Inhabit^s of Brucklyn in behalf of the said Township*

Ordered, that the Mayor of the Corporation of the City of New York be served with a copy of the aforegoing Petition

Then the Council adjourned till Saturday morning 11 o clock

Saturday, the 29th day of November, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, "An Act " for the more effectual collecting the Taxes laid by the several Acts therein mentioned"

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their report thereon

The Speaker reassumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report it without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill *Ordered* a third Reading

A Message from the General Assembly with a Bill Entituled, " An Act for the payment of " the salaries services and contingencys therein mentioned until the first day of September one " thousand seven hundred & forty seven" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and *Ordered* a second Reading

Then the Council adjourned till Monday morning 11 o clock

Monday, the first day of December, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual collecting the Taxes laid by "the several Acts therein mentioned" be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the payment of the salarys services & contingencys therein mentioned until the first day of September 1747 be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

Then the Council [adjourned] till Wednesday morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, the third day of December, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll^o Beekman and Captain Richard with a Bill Entituled, "An Act for making further provision for victualling of his Majesty's Troops raised "within this Colony for the Expedition against Canada, and for other the publick services "therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a 2^d Reading

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled "An "Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of this Colony with an "addition thereto"

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono^ble James De Lancey Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report it without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the fourth day of December, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, " An Act for making further provision for victualling of his " Majesty's Troops raised within this Colony for the Expedition against Canada and for other " the publick services therein mentioned" be now read the 2^d time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

The Council then Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill and of the Bill Entituled, " An Act for the payment of the salaries, services & contingencys therein " mentioned until the first day of September 1747

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bills & being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker reassumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono^ble Stephen Bayard Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills and had directed him to Report them without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of and the said two Bills

Ordered a 3^d Reading

Then the Council adjourned till 4 o clock P. M.

Thursday, the fourth day of December, 1746. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the payment of the Salarys Services & " Contingencies therein mentioned until the first day of September 1747" and the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the making further provision for the victualling of his Majesty's Troops raised " within this Colony for the Expedition ag^st Canada & for other the publick Services therein " mentioned" be now read the third time

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said two Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Stephen Bayard Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills and the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act " Entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of this Colony with an addition thereto," and also the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual collecting the Taxes laid by the several acts " therein mentioned" Without amendment:

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey took notice That as the business of this Session was now compleated he had something to offer to the Council, which arose from the perusal of a pamphlet that had lately fallen into his Hands Entituled, "A Treaty between his Excellency the Governour and the Six united Indian Nations and other Indian Nations depending on the

province of New York, held at Albany in the months of August and September 1746 (which pamphlet he had in his hands) wherein was a paragraph, page 3, in the words following vizt

"His Excellency the Governor of New York having received his Majesty's Commands, to "engage the Indian Nations depending on his Government to join in the expedition then "intended ag^st Canada, and to make them the usual presents on that occasion; and being "sensible of the great use these Nations may be to the success of this Enterprize and likewise of "the difficulties that probably might attend his Endeavours at this time, was desirous to have "had the assistance of as many of the members of his Majesty's Council as the Circumstances "of Affairs would admit; but they all declined to give their attendance except Mr Colden & "Mr Livingston: His Excellency was therefore obliged to Act with the smallest number of "members, which by his Majesty Commission can form a Council, vizt Three; The above two "Gentlemen and Captn Rutherford, who was then at his post in Albany"

Which paragraph he conceived, did contain a Misrepresentation of Facts, and an invidious reflection upon such of the members of his Majesty's Council as did not attend his Excellency to Albany; He therefore moved that the Printer might be ordered to attend, and be examined, that the Council might be informed who gave him the Copy with directions to print it;

Which motion being seconded by Mr Murray;

Mr Colden confessed that he had delivered the copy to the Printer and being thereupon asked, whether he gave him directions to print it? He replyed he had delivered him the copy;

Which confession not being satisfactory, he was again asked, Whether or no he directed him to print it; And it was said, That in Case he did not give a direct answer to that point, the Council would insist that the Printer should attend, who no doubt would inform them of the Truth of the matter:

Whereupon Mr Colden confessed also that he did direct him to print it; and afterwards owned that he was the author, but said he had no intention to reflect upon any of the Gentlemen of the Council

After some animadversions made on the said paragraph by Mr Chief Justice, Mr Horsmanden & Mr Murray, Mr Chief Justice further moved

That a censure might be passed upon the said paragraph; and that the Council would come to the follow^g Resolution thereupon

And on the Question being put it was accordingly

Resolved, that it is the opinion of the Council That the aforesaid paragraph contains a misrepresentation of Facts and an invidious Reflection upon the members of his Majesty's Council, who remained at the City of New York, during his Excellency's absence at the late Treaty at Albany

And as the said pamphlet is dispersed in print

Ordered that the said motion and proceedings and this Resolution be forthwith printed

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Friday, the fifth day of December, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Mathias Thomas and others" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

Then the Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the said Bill and the Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report it without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o cl

Saturday, the sixth day of December, 1746.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Matthias Thomas & others" be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered that the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment

Then the Council adjourned to the Council Chamber at his Excellency's Residence Where being met

His Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House and they attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Excellency in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly gave his Assent to the thirteen following Bills vizt

N° 1 An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for the Establishing a Military Watch for the City and County of Albany with addition thereto

N° 2 An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for the returning of able and sufficient Jurors and for the better regulation of Juries

N° 3 An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of November 1746 to the first of November 1747

N° 4 An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to support the Garrison and Trading House at Oswego with addition thereto

N° 5 An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent Desertion of his Majesty's Forces in this Colony

N° 6 An Act for raising the sum of £2250 by a publick Lottery for this Colony for the advancement of Learning & towards the founding a College within the same

N° 7 An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for & towards supporting the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned from the first day of December 1740 to the first day of December 1741

N° 8 An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of eighty pounds in the City and County of New York for the services therein mentioned

N° 9 An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of this Colony with an addition thereto

N° 10 An Act for naturalizing Matthias Thomas, Nicolas Tesson, Marie Tesson, Jean Piere Lebrieur, Charle Julian, Francois Blanchard, Moise Audier, Philip Grim, Jacob Christopher Forster, Peter Grim, Leonart Riegeler, Johannes Van Dyck, Adam Ebert, Johannes Jurrianse, William Braambos Willemina Braambos, William Braambos Junr John Garde and John George Cook

N° 11 An Act for the more effectual collecting the Taxes laid by the Acts therein mentioned

N° 12 An Act for the payment of the salaries, services & contingencies therein mentioned until the first day of September 1747

N° 13 An Act for making further provision for the victualling of his Majesty's Troops raised within this Colony for the Expedition against Canada, and for other the public services therein mentioned

Raisures and Interlineations in the several aforegoing Acts as brought from the General Assembly for the concurrence of the Council vizt

N° 3

N° 3 pa 1 Line 19 The words [from the first] wrote on a Raisure
L 20 & 21 The words [this present year to the first day of November which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred] wrote on a Raisure
pa 4 Line 21 The words [farmed to them which in &]
pa 5 Line 14 The words [House according to Law] also the name [Clere Everit] throughout the whole Act wrote on a Raisure and the greatest part of the 13th Line of the 2^d page Eraised

N° 4

N° 4 pa 1 Line 17 The words [the City of] and the words [Corn^s Van Denberg shall be and] wrote on a Rasure

N° 6

N° 6 pa 2 Line 19 The word [possessor] and in the same & the foll Line the words [if drawn a prize shall be directed]
pa 3 Line 1 The words [of the Tickets] and Line 16 the words
16 [be there]
pa 5 Line 14 The words [the said first] & Line 29 the words
29 [the one]
pa 9 Line 9 The word [six] & Line 28 the word [College] and
pa 11 Line 12 The word [Removing] all wrote on eraised places

N° 7

N° 7 pa 1 Line 9 The word [General] & the next Line the words [Support thereof] & in the last line the words [& Honest]
2 1 The words [or any] and in the last line save one, of the last page the word [the] all wrote on Eraised places

N° 8

N° 8 1, 7 The words [or paid unto him] wrote on a Raisure

N° 9

N° 9 1, 9 The words [Enacted by his Excellency the Governour, the Council &]
19 The words [who have] Last line [and be obliged to perform]
2, 17 The word [Invasion]
3, 23 The words [in some other] and pa
4, 12 The words [levyed by] all wrote on eraised places

N° 10

N° 10. 1 12 The word [have] Line 27 the words [Thomas; Nicolas Tesson, Marie Tesson]
2 7 The word [Jacob] & Line the 14th the words [upon application] all wrote on eraised places

N° 11

N° 11 1 26 The words [to be by him applyed] &
3 10 The word [taking] wrote on a Raisure

N° 12

N° 12 7 18 The words [of Indian Affairs after the thirteenth] &
9 14 & 15 The words [Mathias Van Dyck the additional allowance to George Duncan & Alexander Lamb] wrote after Raisure

N° 13

N° 13 2 22 The words [or one pint of Rice & one Gill of Rum]
3 2 The word [pursuance] & in the next line the words [this act as a Recompence for their care and Trouble]
7 19 The word [and] and in pa 8 Line 18 the word [eight] wrote after a Raisure

Then the said thirteeen Acts were published and his Excellency prorogued the General Assembly until Tuesday the thirteenth day of January next Then to meet to proceed upon Business

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXV., 117.]

By His Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the province of New York and the territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral [L. S.] of the same and Vice Admiral of the Red Squadron of his Majestys Fleet

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the province of New York stands prorogued until this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to prorogue the said General Assembly until *Tueeday* the *third* day of *March* next and I do by Virtue of the powers and authorities to me given by his Majesty's Letters patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain hereby accordingly prorogue the said General Assembly to the said third day of *March* then to meet at the City of New York Of which all his Majesty's Subjects are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms in the City of *New York* the thirteenth day of *January* in the twentieth year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Graee of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a and in the year of our Lord 1746

G CLINTON

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXV., 120.]

By His Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice [L. S.] Admiral of the same and Vice Admiral of the Red Squdron of His Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until Tuesday the third day of March next I have thought fit by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to prorogue the said General Assembly and I do by virtue of the powers and authorities unto me granted by his Majesty hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly until *Tuesday* the *seventeenth* day of *March* next ensuing Then to meet at the City Hall in the City of New York Of which all his Majesty's Subjects are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms in the City of *New York* the *twentieth* day of *February* in the year of our Lord 1746 and in the twentieth year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a

G. CLINTON

By His Excellency's Command
Gw. Banyar *D Secry*

God save the KING

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXV., 122.]

By His Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Vice Admiral of the Red Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet [L. S.]

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until Tuesday the seventeenth Instant I have thought fit by and with the advise of His Majesty's Council further to prorogue the said General Assembly and I do by virtue of the powers and authorities unto me granted by his Majesty hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly until *Tuesday* the *twenty fourth* day of *March* this Instant Then to meet at the City Hall in the City of New York in order to proceed immediately upon Business of which all his Majesty's Subjects are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms in the City of *New York* the *sixteenth* day of *March* in the year of our Lord 1746 and in the twentieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a

G. CLINTON

By His Excellency's Command
Gw. Banyar *D Cl Con*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-FOURTH ASSEMBLY FIFTH SESSION.

Province of New York ss

At a Session *of his* Majesty's Council *and* General Assembly *begun at the City Hall of the City of* New York, *on* Tuesday *the* 24th *day of* March, 1747.

His Excellency the Hono^ble George Clinton Captain General and Governour in Chief of the said Province having been pleased to prorogue the General Assembly from the thirteenth day of January last at several times to this day
The Council met accordingly

Present — *The Honoble* Cadwallader Colden, Esqr, Speaker,

Philip Livingston,
Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Daniel Horsmanden, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, the twenty fifth day of March, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DELANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency having sent to the Council requiring their immediate attendance at the Council Chamber at his Residence

The Council adjourned thither accordingly

The Council being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and Reported that his Excellency had made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and Delivered to him a Copy thereof which he laid before the Board

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be Read

Then the Same was Read and

Ordered, to be Entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

I have delayed calling you together till this Time, in Hopes of receiving his Majesty's Commands, and thereby to have been enabled to speak more explicitly to you, with Respect to the Expedition against Canada, than I can at present.

But the Season of the Year is already so far advanced, that it is become necessary to make Preparation without Delay, for posting and employing the Forces, in such Manner, as they may be most useful, for the Security of our Frontiers, and the Execution of any Enterprize that shall be thought proper for Annoyance of the Enemy.

I sent Col. Roberts to Boston, to concert Measures with Governor Shirley, for this Purpose, which is done accordingly.

I have likewise retained the Mohawk Indians from Hunting, that they may be ready on any Occasion, for Service; and have used my best Endeavours among the other five Nations, to preserve them in the good Disposition, in which they were after my last Treaty with them at Albany; and to have them in Readiness, upon every Occasion, in which they can be of Service.

Parties of Indians, with some of the Inhabitants of this Province, are gone, and going out, with Design to intercept any of the Enemy, that may be abroad near our Frontiers; and to range the Woods, in all Places, where they may expect to meet with any of the Enemy.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

You know that Provision is only made, for victualling the Troops levied in this Province, to the first of May; I must earnestly recommend to you, the making a further Provision for this Purpose.

I have with very great Expence and Charge to the Crown, and without any Charge or Burthen on the Inhabitants of this Province, secured the Friendship of the five Nations of Indians, and of the Nations dependent on them; I have likewise, at the same Expence and Charge, received Hopes of joining some other of the more Western Nations of Indians, in the War against the French, and who were formerly in the French Interest. I think, it may tend much to his Majesty's Service, the Security of all the English Colonies in North-America, but more particularly to the Security of this Province, and the Success of any Enterprize that may hereafter be undertaken against the common Enemy, that this good Disposition among all the Indian Nations in Amity with us, be confirmed and established by all the Means in our Power; for this Purpose, I propose to go as early as possible to Albany; and I hope, you will think it incumbent on you, to contribute as largely as the Circumstances of the Province will permit, towards the Expence that must necessarily attend this Service.

Among other Things, which are concerted with Governor Shirley, two Forts are to be built at the Carrying-Place, towards Crown-Point, for Security of the Magazines and Stores, and of our Frontiers and Forces, on several Emergencies that may arise, and a Body of Men from the several Colonies, are (as soon as the Season will permit) to be encamped there, for the more secure and effectual carrying on of these Works, and other Services; and as no Directions are arrived from his Majesty, or his Ministers, for defraying the Expence of any Part of the Expedition against Canada; it is proposed, that the immediate Expence of these Services, be at the Charge of the several Colonies, who have levied Forces for the Expedition against Canada,

according to the Rates and Quotas, which were agreed upon by the Gentlemen of the Council of this Province, who attended me at Albany, and the Commissioners of the Government of the Massachusetts-Bay, and presented to me at Albany; as a reasonable Proposal, to be laid before the Legislatures of the several Colonies for their respective Approbation.

Governor Shirley assures me, that he will promote this Service as much as it is in his Power

As this tends more immediately to the Security and Safety of the People of this Province, I expect that you will set a good Example to the other Colonies, by your chearful Contribution towards the Expence of it; and this I must desire you to do, as speedily as possible; for I cannot so much as desire the Concurrence of the other Governments, till I am assured of yours; I shall Order the Proposal of the Rates and Quotas, as it was delivered to me at Albany, to be laid before you.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

I shall offer no other Business to your Consideration at this Time; because the Nature of the Service, to which I desire your Assistance, requires the greatest Dispatch, and besides the Meeting of the Indians, which seems to me requisite to be without Delay; the present State of the new Levies, and other Services, require my Presence at Albany, as soon as may be.

This therefore, must be a short Session, but you shall meet again, as soon as these pressing Affairs will permit; when you may have Time to consider whatever may be proper for the Good of the Province; if any Thing else shall occur necessary for your present Consideration, besides what I have now laid before you, I shall communicate it to you by Message.

G Clinton.

City of New York 25th *March* 1747

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith Printed

Then the Honourable Daniel Horsmanden Esqr moved that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency to return his Excellency Thanks for his Speech and to assure him that the Council will on all occasions exert their utmost endeavours for the advancement of his Majesty's service and the Welfare of the Province

Which motion was unanimously agreed to and

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy Mr Chief Justice Mr Cortlandt and Mr Horsmanden or any three of them be a Committee to prepare a Draft of said Address

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the 26th *day of March*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Honoble* Philip Cortlandt, Esqr, Speaker,

Daniel Horsmanden,
John Moore, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Then the Council adjourned till Monday morning next 11 o clock

Monday, the 30th *day of March*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Honoble* Cadwallader Colden, Esqr, Speaker

Philip Livingston,
Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Daniel Horsmanden,
Joseph Murray, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, the 31st *day of March*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Excellency Reported that the Committee had prepared the same accordingly which he laid before the Council

And the same being Read was approved of and

Ordered to be engrossed

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Wednesday, the 1st *April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Deputy Secretary laid before the Council by his Excellency's Directions A Paper Entituled a " Computation made at a Conference with the Commissioners of the Province of " the Massachusets Bay of the number of Men and the Extraordinary expence for the Enterprize " to attack Crown Point Fort dated Albany 22d 1746" and the Title thereof being Read

Ordered, that the same lie on the Table for the consideration of the Council

Then the Engrossed Address to his Excellency was read

His Excellency the Governour having been pleased to send to the Council by the Deputy Secretary the paper abovementioned It was thereupon moved and

On the Question being put It was accordingly

Resolved, that the following words in the latter Paragraph of the Engrossed Address be struck out to wit " When your Excellency will also be favourably pleased to communicate to us the " measures which have been concerted with Governour Shirley, and what the Rates and Quotas " are which were agreed upon at Albany, they shall have their due weight For" as also the words " as on all other occasions as on this" be struck out and that the said latter Paragraph of the Engrossed Address be in these words " We beg leave to assure your Excellency we will " on all occasions exert our utmost endeavours for the advancement of his Majesty's service and " the welfare of the Province His Majesty's service and the welfare of the Province being the " invariable measure of our conduct

Then the said Address was amended accordingly

Ordered, that the Address as amended be engrossed

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Thursday, the second day of April, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Engrossed Address as amended was presented read and approved of
Ordered, that the Speaker sign the same
Then the Speaker signed the same accordingly and
Ordered, that the Honourable Philip Livingston and Archibald Kennedy Esq^rs wait on his Excellency to know when his Excellency will be pleased to be attended with the Councils Address
The said Gentlemen being returned Reported that they had waited on his Excellency to know when he would be pleased to be attended with the Councils Address and that his Excellency was pleased to say immediately
Then the Council adjourned to wait on his Excellency with the Address
The Council being returned to the Council Chamber

PRESENT as before

The Speaker resumed the Chair
Then the Speaker Reported that having waited on his Excellency and presented the Council's Address his Excellency was Pleased to return a favourable answer thereto
And the same having been Read
Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be printed and that they be entered in the Minutes which Address and Answer are in the words following.

To his Excellency The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Vice Admiral of the Red Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

The Humble ADDRESS of the Members of his Majesty's Council for the province of New York.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most Dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Members of the Council for the Province of New York return your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech

Your Excellency having " retained the Mohawk Indians from hunting, that they may be ready " on any occasion for service, and having used your best endeavours among the other five nations, " to preserve them in the good Dispositions in which they were after your last Treaty with " them at Albany, and to have them in readiness upon every occasion in which they can be of " service" we hope will have the good effects that may be expected from them

It cannot but occasion great uneasiness in us, to observe that our Indians employed in the barbarous method of scalping (only Justifiable by the precedent Practices of our Enemies) industriously avoid attacking, or meeting the French Indians or, when they meet, treat each other as Friends whereby they are encouraged in their cruel practice of butchering those who are not in arms, and even those who are unable to bear arms, Women and children: But we hope as your Excellency has secured the friendship of the Six Nations, you will be able to engage them against the French Indians, as well as against the French, for we humbly conceive it would tend much more to his Majesty's service and be of considerable security to the out settlements of these Colonies, if the Indians are prevailed upon to turn their savage way of warring against each other

We acknowledge your Excellencys Favour in communicating to us that " Parties of Indians " with some of the Inhabitants of this province are gone, and going out with design to intercept " any of the Enemy that may be abroad near our Frontiers, and to range the Woods in all " places where they may Expect to meet with any of the Enemy"

We beg leave to assure your Excellency, we will on all occasions, exert our utmost endeavours for the advancement of his Majesty's service and the welfare of the Province. His Majesty's service and the welfare of the Province, being the invariable measure of our conduct.

By order of the Council
CADWALLADER COLDEN Speaker

City of New York
Council Chamber
2^d *April* 1747

His Excellency's Answer

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this address What difficulties I had to go through in order to engage the Six Nations heartily in the War, are well known.

I have omitted nothing in my Power to engage them in the manner you desire; and I shall use all the means that shall be in my Power to employ them most effectually against the Enemy

G. Clinton

New York 2d *April* 1747

Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday next 11 o clock in the morning

Tuesday, the 7th *day of April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, the 8th *April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the 9th *April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock

Friday, the 10th *April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned to 4 o clock P. M: and then met and adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock

Saturday, the 11th *April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Honoble* Cadwallader Colden, Esqr, Speaker,

Philip Livingston,
Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Daniel Horsmanden,
John Moore, Esqrs

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Collo Phillipse and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for purchasing a further supply of Provisions for victualling the Forces "raised in this Colony on the Expedition against Canada for providing for the payment of one "hundred Rangers and other purposes therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a second reading

Raizures and Interlineations appearing in the said Bill

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13		The word (Money)	
8	4	The words (for the)	
24		The words (for every such)	
22	8	The word [five)	
23		The word (five)	
24		The words (five) and (eighty five)	

Then the Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o cl

Monday, the 13th *April,* 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Then the Council adjourned til 4 o clock P. M.

Monday, the 13th *April,* 1747. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, " An Act for Purchasing a further supply of Provisions for " victualling the Forces raised in this Colony on the Expedition against Canada for providing " for the payment of one hundred Rangers and other purposes therein mentioned" be now read the second time
Then the said Bill was Read the second time and
Ordered to be committed
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o cl

Tuesday, the 14th *April,* 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Wednesday, the 15th *April* 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, " An Act " for purchasing a further supply of provisions for victualling the Forces raised in this Colony " on the Expedition against Canada, for providing for the payment of one hundred Rangers and " other purposes therein mentioned"

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready t make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report it without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered that the said Will (*sic*) be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honoble John Moore Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the 16th *April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment, and adjourned till Saturday the 18th Instant 11 o clock

Saturday, the 18th *April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till Tuesday the 21 Instant 11 o clock

Tuesday, the 21st *of April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Wednesday, the 22d *April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Thursday, the 23d *April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Fryday the 24*th April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Saturday, the 25*th April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned to Tuesday the 28th Instant 11 o clock

Tuesday, the 28*th April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Wednesday, the 29*th April*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*ble CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from his Excellency the Governour by the Deputy Secretary to the Council requiring their attendance at the Council Chamber at his Excellency's Residence
Then the Council adjourned to the Council Chamber accordingly Where being met
His Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House
And they attending accordingly with their Speaker
His Excellency in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly gave his Assent to the Bill Entituled, "An Act for purchasing a further supply of Provisions for victualling the "Forces raised in this Colony on the Expedition against Canada, for providing for the payment "of one hundred Rangers and other purposes therein mentioned"
After which the said Act was published in the usual manner
The Council then returned to the Council Chamber in the City Hall

(PRESENT as before)

The Speaker resumed the Chair
Then the Council adjourned till Saturday morning 11 o clock

Saturday, the 2*d day of May*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*ble ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly being adjourned until Tuesday the 12th Instant the Council therefore adjourned to ye same day

Tuesday, the 12*th May*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*^{ble} CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Then the Council adjourned till Thursday the 14th Instant 11 o clock

Thursday, the 14*th of May*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*^{ble} CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly being adjourned till Tuesday the 19th Instant The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Tuesday, the 19*th May*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*^{ble} CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly adjourned until the 26th Instant The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Tuesday, the 26*th day of May*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*^{ble} ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly being adjourned to the 2^{d} of June next The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Tuesday, the 2d day of June, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Then the Council adjourned till Thursday the 4th Instant

Thursday, the 4th June, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Fryday, the 5th June, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment
The General Assembly being adjourned to the 15th Instant
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Monday, the 15th June, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment
The General Assembly being adjourned till Tuesday the 7th of July next
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Tuesday, the 7th July, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment
The General Assembly being adjourned till the 14th Inst.
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Tuesday, the 14th July, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment
The General Assembly being adjourned to the 21st Instant
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Tuesday, the 21st July, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment
The General Assembly being adjourned till Thursday the 30th Instant
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Thursday, the 30th July, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Fryday, the 31st *July*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till Monday the 3d August

Monday, the 3d *August*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till Thursday the 6th Instant

Thursday, the 6*th August*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till Monday the 10th Instant

Monday, the 10*th August*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, the 11*th August*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, the 12*th August*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday August the 13*th*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o cl

Fryday the 14*th August*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till Monday morning 11 o clock

Monday, the 17*th August*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Tuesday the 18*th August*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till Monday next 11 o clock

Thursday, the 20th day of August, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey took Notice that having heard a Report that Colonel Roberts had ordered the Forces that were Posted above Albany to be removed to the east side of the River below the City of Albany He therefore moved that Major Edward Collins and Mr Cornelis Cuyler who are lately come to the City from Albany might be ordered to attend at the Board and examine touching the said Report

Which Motion was seconded by Mr Livingston and

On the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the Doorkeeper do give Notice to the said Edward Collins and Cornelis Cuyler to attend at 4 o clock this afternoon

Then the Council adjourned till 4 o cl P. M.

Thursday, the 20th day of August, 1747. P^t Meridiem

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Major Edward Collins attending according to order was called in and examined touching the late and present Disposition of the new Levies at Albany and Declared as follows

That Coll° Marshalls Battallion was posted at Coll° Philip Schuyler's House and thereabouts which is between four and five miles distant from the City of Albany and on the same side of the River on which the City stands to wit the west side That Coll° Roberts's Battallion was lately posted on the East side of Hudsons River at a place called Greenbush which is about one Mile below the City of Albany That Coll° Marshalls Battallion hath been since removed to Green Bush to the Northward of Mr Renselaers House at and about the Ferry there Except one Company of said Battallion which the Examinate hath been informed was left or posted at the Patroons Mills on the West Side of Hudsons River about a short Mile northward of Albany That at the Ferry the River is a little more than a third of a Mile wide That the Examinate when at Albany to witt on the third Instant in the evening received a Letter from Major Glen at Schenectady dated the third Instant informing him the day before a Whiteman and an Indian belonging to Captn Broadhead's Company were killed and scalped about half way between Schenectady and Albany on the Road and that the next morning there went a party to Canistiguyune and found killed there by the Enemy about fifty or sixty head of Cattle chiefly horses That the greatest part of the flesh of the Horses was cut off and taken away and that he concluded from thence the Enemy were very strong and perhaps an Army and that he thought himself obliged to acquaint the Examinate of it — That on receiving this Letter the Examinate immediately sent the same to Coll° Roberts by Lieutenant Morris, for his perusal and to desire an Alarm Gun might be Fired That Mr Morris brought the said Letter again to the Examinate, and Acquainted him that the Coll° did not seem inclined to have an Alarm Gun fired. That the Examinate then waited on Coll° Roberts in order to prevail on him to fire an Alarm Gun and that Captain Campbell was with the Examinate That the Examinate told Coll° Roberts he thought it very necessary an Alarm Gun should be fired and that it was usual on such occasions to have it done but that Coll° Roberts did not think proper to give any

direction about it saying it might interfere with his orders and then Coll° Roberts told Captain Campbell that at the firing of the first Gun he should make ready his Floats and at firing the second Gun he should embark the Men and bring them over That the Examinate never before heard of any such orders That the Examinate was afterwards pressed to fire an Alarm Gun by the Mayor and several of the principal Inhabitants of the City whom he met in going his rounds That the Examinate thereupon sent two of the principal people to Coll° Roberts to desire him to fire an Alarm Gun, and to acquaint him that unless he ordered it to be done the Examinate would be obliged to do it himself, for that the Inhabitants were very pressing to have it done That Mr Hansen one of the said two persons returned and informed the Examinate That the Coll° said he the Examinate might do as he pleased or that he did not care what he did, or words to that purpose; upon which the Examinate ordered a Gun to be fired That the Examinate a few days after enquired of Capt John Renselaer the owner of the Lands at Greenbush whether he was at Greenbush the day the Alarm Gun was fired. That he told him he was That the Examinate asked him what number of Battoes he saw there at the River side; That he answered, about six. That the Examinate asked him if he saw any preparation made to bring the people over to the City in case ofan Alarm; that he answered in the Negative That he also asked if he was at Greenbush the day after the Alarm Gun was fired that he answered yes and that he saw no preparations made And the Examinate saith that he was present and heard said John Renselar declare on oath before a Justice of peace the substance of the above answers made to this Examinate by the said John Renselaer The Examinate says That Coll° Marshall's Battallion was removed not long after the Examinate received the aforesaid Letter from Major Glen That the Examinate hath heard Coll° Marshall and Major Clarke say it was against their opinions that this Battallion was removed to the other side of the River That Coll° Schuylers House at the Flatts is Stockaded and made defencible and will he believed contain one hundred men at least That he believes the Company posted at the Mills consists of sixty or seventy Men That there are not any Inhabitants or Forces posted above the Mills northward of Albany except at Saratoga That he believes there are about three hundred Men in the City of Albany able to bear Arms That it comes to each of the Inhabitants turn to watch once in four Nights That there are in the City eight blockhouses and one Guard house and that the Inhabitants are only capable of keeping Guard in five of the Blockhouses that the Inhabitants have had no aid or assistance from the New Levies to ease them of the burthen of Watching to the Examinates Knowledge or Remembrance except that the Examinate gave Capt Winne liberty to lodge his Men in one of the Blockhouses on Condition he would keep a Centry there That this was sometime last summer and that he kept his men there eight or ten days That the Small Pox was in the Town of Albany last Winter and that the Meazles are there now That Coll° Marshalls Battallion in going over to Greenbush marched through the Town of Albany

Ordered, that the Examinate and Mr Cuyler do attend again to morrow morning 10 o clock

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Fryday, the 21st *August*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Major Edward Collins attending again according to order was called in and further examined touching the late and present Disposition of the New Levies and declared as follows

That the New Levies have done duty in the Fort in the City of Albany while his Excellency the Governor was last there and at other times both before and after That Capt Diemer informed the Examinate that the day before Coll° Marshalls Battallion went to Greenbush he saw on the East side of Hudsons River opposite to the Flatts two Indians which he imagined were French Indians and the Examinate says he is Town Major and Commandant of the Militia and Night Guards of the City of Albany and has acted as such near two years The Examinate says he is of opinion that the further end of the Patroons Pasture or the west side of the River above Albany about a mile and the other Lands adjacent thereto as also Coll° Schuylers Lands where the Forces were lately posted are all of them places more convenient for the Forces to be encamped on than the places of their present Encampment and that he thinks it is more practicable for the men to desert from their present Quarters than from either of the three above mentioned Places

ED: COLLINS.

Edward Collins the aforegoing Examinate then made oath that his Examinations taken in Council yesterday and this day are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Cornelis Cuyler attending according to order was called in and examined touching the late and present Disposition of the New Levies and declared as follows, vizt

That Coll° Robert's Battallion was lately and is now posted at Greenbush and Coll° Marshall's Battallion was lately posted at the Flats about five miles above Albany That Colonel Marshall's Battallion was removed to Greenbush yesterday was a week since except one Company of said Battallion which the Examinate hath been informed and believes was left at the Patroons Mills and that the said Company consists he thinks of seventy or eighty men That the Examinate believes that Hudsons River at the Ferry is about five hundred yards wide That the Examinate about 10 o clock in the evening of the third Instant received a Letter from Major Glen of Schenectady of that days date giving an account that they had advice that the Enemy had killed about sixty head of Cattle at Nestagayune and had taken away as well the Flesh of the Horses as that of the Cows and that the People of Schenectady were of opinion they were an army The Examinate says that Nestagayune is scituated about ten miles to the northward of Albany on the west side of Hudsons River on the south side of the Mohawk River and about six miles from the Town of Schenectady And the Examinate says that on the contents of the abovementioned Letter being made publick the People were very pressing a Gun should be fired to alarm the Inhabitants that were out of the City and to give Notice to the Wood Rangers who were on the scout towards Canestagayune That including the most antient Men in the City of Albany he believes there are about three hundred able to bear arms That there are not any Inhabitants Northward of Albany above the Mills nor any Troops except those posted at Saraghtoga ; that the Inhabitants of the City of Albany watch every fourth Night and that they have had no aid or assistance from the New Levies to ease them of the burthen of watching that the Examinate knows of

Ordered, that the Examinate attend again at 4 o cl P M

Then the Council adjourned till 4 o clock P : M :

Fryday, the 21st *day of August*, 1747 P. M

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
JAMES DELANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Mr Cuyler attending again according to order was further examined touching the late and present Disposition of the New Levies and Declared as follows

That Mrs Schuyler came to the Examinate's house on Tuesday the 11th Instant about 8 o clock in the Evening and told the Examinate that Major Clarke had been with her just before and acquainted her that the Forces then posted at the Flatts were to be removed to Green Bush on the Thursday Morning following and advised her to take care of her effects That the Examinate the next day went to Coll° Roberts at the request of Mrs Schuyler and desired him to let a Company remain at the Flatts some time til she could remove her effects and that the Examinate used all the arguments he could to induce Coll° Roberts to encamp the Forces together at the Flatts or at the Patroons Pasture and told him that the People of Albany were very uneasy on hearing that he intended to encamp the Forces below the City and that Major Clarke who was then present Declared he was of opinion the Flatts was a good Place and better than Green Bush because it was High and Dry and that Coll° Marshall who was also then present Declared himself to be of the same opinion That Coll° Roberts then told the Examinate that he had orders to encamp the Forces together and that he intended to encamp them at Green Bush at the request of his Officers because it would keep them together better and more from the Town than if they were at the Mills The Examinate says that during the time the Small Pox was in the City of Albany the new Levies came into the Town as usual

CORNELIS CUYLER

The said Cornelis Cuyler then made oath that the contents of his Examinations taken in Council this day are true to the best of his knowledge and belief

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey then moved That an humble address be presented to his Excellency That he would be pleased to order the New Levies to be removed from the place of their present Encampment to some place to the Northward of the City of Albany where they

may be able to oppose the Enemy's March to the said City and more conveniently situated to succour Schenectady and Saraghtoga and that his Excellency would be pleased to order part of the Levies to be posted in the City of Albany to do duty there to ease the Inhabitants of the burthen of Watching until the Forces should be employed upon some Expedition

Which motion on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

And then Mr Chief (*sic*) De Lancey further moved that a committee should be appointed to prepare the Draught of the said Address

Ordered thereupon that the Honoble James De Lancey, Daniel Horsmanden and Joseph Murray Esqrs be a Committee for that purpose

Then the Council adjourned till Monday Morning next 11 o clock

Monday the 24th *day of August*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee appointed by order of the 21st Instant to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Excellency Reported that the Committee had prepared a Draft of the same Address which he Read and then laid the same before the Board where the same was again Read and

On the Question being put agreed to and approved of and

Ordered to be Engrossed

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and approved and

Ordered to be signed by the Speaker

Then the Speaker signed the said Address and the same was

Ordered to be Entered in the Minutes and is as follows

To his Excellency The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Esqr Captain General and Governour in Chief of the province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Vice Admiral of the Red Squdron of his Majesty's Fleet

The Humble ADDRESS of his Majesty's Council of the said Province

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutifull and Loyal subjects, the members of his Majesty's Council for the province of New York, beg leave to lay before your Excellency the present dangerous state we apprehend the City of Albany to be in

Your Excellency cannot but be sensible, that the preservation of the County of Albany, and of great part of this Province, the Fidelity of the Indian Nations (and we may add) in its consequences the security of great part of the Neighbouring Provinces, does chiefly depend upon the preservation of that City: We were therefore deeply affected with the late accounts received from thence, that the New Levies which had been posted to the Northward of the City of Albany, had been all withdrawn from thence, (except one Company of about 70 or 80 men left at the Mills, a short miles distance from Albany) and encamped at Greenbush below the City and on the opposite side of the River. Greatly alarmed at this Report and being informed that Mr Collins Town Major of Albany, and Mr Cuyler late Mayor of that City, were in this Town; We sent for and examined them upon their oaths, and they confirmed the truth of this Report. As this step appeared to us to be of Dangerous consequence to his Majesty's service, as so evidently to hazard the loss of the City of Albany, We thought we could not discharge the duty we owe to his Majesty, and to our Country, if on this occasion we should be any Longer silent

We are therefore constrained by the dangers we apprehend our selves exposed to, to have recourse to your Excellency, & to lay before you some facts, such as either consist with our own knowledge, or we received upon the oaths of the Gentlemen we examined

The City of Albany is scituated on the west side of Hudsons River; the Town of Schonectady is also on the same side of that River, at about sixteen miles distance; the Fort at Saraghtoga is at about thirty six miles distance, to the Northward of Albany: Greenbush, where the Levies are Encamped, is on the East side of Hudsons River, at about a miles distance below Albany,

where the River is about the third part of a mile wide, and not fordable, being of depth sufficient for large vessells

Upon these facts we must observe to your Excellency, that the Levies Encamped at Greenbush, cannot march to the assistance of Albany or Schonectady, or to the Relief of Saraghtoga Fort, without first crossing the River below Albany and should the Enemy make any attempt upon Albany or Schonectady, we must leave it to your Excellency's own reflection to consider what delays and confusion would attend the passage of Troops, not very orderly and many of them scarce half Disciplined; and how far such an unnecessary delay would hazard the loss of those places, should they be suddenly attacked; and since the Levies are Encamped on the East side of Hudsons River (except that handfull at the Mills) and there are no Inhabitants to the Northward, all that part of the Country being lost, except the Fort at Saraghtoga; What is there to hinder or molest the French and their Indians from coming with the greatest confidence and security near the City of Albany, and watching an opportunity to surprize it

It was with great concern and grief that we heard of the distressed and deplorable circumstances of the Inhabitants of the City of Albany: The whole number of men able to bear arms, even including the greyheads of seventy and upwards, does not exceed three hundred; they are obliged to do duty on the Guard every fourth night, sometimes oftener, without distinction of age or persons; so that even the Judge of the Court of Common pleas for the County, a very ancient man, is obliged to take his turn; and yet notwithstanding this great fatigue upon the Inhabitants, they have had no assistance or ease from the New Levies

We beg leave to acquaint your Excellency, that we are justly apprehehensive that these difficultys & discouragements may induce such of them as can support themselves elsewhere to leave the City, and thereby render it weaker and more exposed to danger and ruin

Sir. At this distance from his most sacred Majesty, we cannot lay before him for immediate Relief the Deplorable circumstances of our Country: from whose paternal care of all his faithfull subjects, (and such with truth we may call our selves from our known Loyalty to his Majesty & affection to his Illustrious House) We could not fail of assistance

At this distance therefore we apply to your Excelleney, & we flatter our selves that upon the few considerations which we have laid before you, and the reflections which your own Judgment may suggest to you; your Excelleney will be pleased to give your orders for posting such a number of the New Levies (until his Majesty shall dispose of them otherwise) to the Northward of the City of Albany in such places as your Excelleney shall think most convenient for its protection and security, and to keep the Enemy at a greater distance: and we pray the God of Heaven to touch your Excellencys heart with compassion to the distressed Inhabitants of the City of Albany, that by posting some of the Levies in that City, the Inhabitants may be partly eased of the heavy duty they undergo, and be induced to continue in the City for its strength and defence; and we are humbly of opinion that those Companys of Levies, which were raised in and about the City, would be most proper for that purpose

By order of the Council

PH. LIVINGSTON Speaker

Council Chamber City of New York *August* the 24 1747

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Daniel Horsmanden and John Moore Esq^rs do wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Councils Address

The said Gentlemen being returned Reported that they had waited on his Excellency to know when he would be pleased to be attended with the Councils Address and that his Excellency was pleased to appoint to morrow morning at 11 of the clock

Tuesday, the 25th day of August, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DELANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council adjourned to wait on his Excelleney with their Address

The Council being returned

PRESENT as before

The Speaker Reported that having waited on his Excellency with the Address of the Council and Read and presented the same to him His Excellency was pleased to return an answer thereto which he laid before the Board and the same being read was

Ordered to be Entred in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen,

I did expect you would have communicated to me the subject matter of this address before it was presented At present I can give no other particular answer than the security and ease of the people of this Province has been my constant care and you may depend upon my taking every thing relating to this Address into my serious consideration

G. CLINTON

Then the Council adjourned till Thursday morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the 27th day of August, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Col° Schuyler and Mr Thomas with the Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent Desertion of his Majestys "Forces in this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cornell and Mr Verplank with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent private Lotteries within this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Col° Chambers and Col° Lot with a Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for Regulating the Militia of this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said three Bills be now read

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey moved that the Address of the Council to his Excellency and his Excellency's Answer thereto should be printed

Which motion on the Question being put was carried in the affirmative

Ordered that the same address and answer be printed accordingly

Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, the 1st of September, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Richard and Colonel Lott with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners to take examine and state the publick

" accompts of the Colony of New York from the year one thousand seven hundred and thirteen" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act " to prevent Desertion of his Majestys Troops in this Colony" The Bill Entituled, " An Act " to prevent Private Lotteries within this Colony" and The Bill Entituled, " An Act further to " continue An Act Entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of this Colony" be now read the second time

Then the said three Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said three Bills and having duly weighed and considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Honourable Daniel Horsmanden Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said three Bills and had directed him to Report them without Amendment

Which Report, on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of. And the said three Bills

Ordered a third reading

Then the Council adjourned till Thursday morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the 3^d day of September, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till Tuesday morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, the 8th day of September, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, the 9th day of September, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the 10th day of September, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clarkson and Colonel Schuyler with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony" desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was Read the First time and

Ordered a second Reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners to take Examine and State the publick accounts of the Colony of New York from the year one thousand seven hundred and thirteen be now read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to "prevent Desertion of his Majestys Forces in this Colony" The Bill Entituled, "An Act "to prevent private Lotteries in this Colony" and the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to "continue An Act Entituled, An Act for Regulating the Militia of this Colony" be now Read the third Time

Then the said three Bills were Read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble John Moore Esqr do wait on the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the said three Bills without amendment

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Fryday, the 11*th day of September*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till Tuesday the 15th Instant

Tuesday, the 15*th day of September*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, the 16*th day of September*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the 17*th day of September*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Fryday, the 18*th day of September*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till Tuesday next 11 o clock

Tuesday, the 22^d *day of September*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD,
STEPHEN BAYARD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from his Excellency the Governour by the Deputy Secretary to the Council requiring their attendance at the Council Chamber at his Excellencys Residence

Then the Council adjourned to the Council Chamber accordingly Where being met

His Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House

And they attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Excellency in presence of the Council and General Assembly gave his assent to the two following Bills vizt To

The Bill Entituled, " An Act further to continue An Act for regulating the Militia of this Colony " and to

The Bill Entituled, " An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent " Desertion of his Majestys Forces in this Colony "

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner

Then his Excellency was pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly to Tuesday the twenty ninth of this Instant September

TWENTY-FOURTH ASSEMBLY SIXTH SESSION.

PROVINCE OF NEW YORK.

At a Session *of his* Majestys Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Colony *of* New York, *Begun at the City Hall of the City of* New York, *on* Tuesday, *the* 29*th day of* September, 1747.

The General Assembly standing Prorogued to this Day

The Council met accordingly

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, the 30th *day of Sep^r*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till Tuesday the 6th of October 1747

Tuesday, the 6*th day of October*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from his Excellency the Governour to the Council by the Deputy Secretary which being Read was

Ordered to be Entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council,

I Now lay before you, an Agreement entered into by the Commissioners of this Province, of Massachusetts-Bay and Connecticut, wherein your assistance is necessary, so far, as relates to the Supplies to be granted, for defraying that charge of the Expence, which this Province is to undertake.

You will see by that Agreement, that this Province is to have a certain Number of Men in Readiness for Action, by a Day limited in that Agreement; you are to grant the necessary Supplies for raising and paying them, and all other incidental Charges, that must accrue on the Plan concerted by those Commissioners; except Guns, Ammunition, Battoes, Tents, and other Utensils, which I have prepared at the Expence of the Crown, and now remain fit for Service, and which I told the Commissioners, shall be reserved for that Purpose.

But you will observe by that Agreement, that nothing is concerted for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province, or for the Safety of the Inhabitants thereof, though the doing of this, was recommended by me, to the Commissioners of this Province, in the strongest Terms I could conceive; it remains then with you, to take Care of your Constituents, by granting the Supplies necessary for that End.

Neither have the Commissioners concerted any Method for preserving the Indians in the good Disposition they now are in, and which, I think, of the greatest Consequence to the Safety of the People. Before my Treaty with the six Nations last Year, they were so far from being hearty in entering into the War against the French, that the greatest Number of them were in the French Interest; they had frequent Treaties with the Governor of Canada, and some of them had actually joined in the War against us; they have since that given evident Proofs of an Alteration of thier Disposition in our Favour; such Proofs as will not admit of any Dispute, of their being heartily engaged in our Interest, and willing to hazard their Lives with us in any Enterprize against our common Enemy. At the same Time, we have too much Reason to fear, that the many Disappointments the Indians have met with, in the Hopes given them of attacking Canada, both by Sea and Land (and which have failed by Incidents not in our Power to prevent) may occasion many Distrusts and Jealousies among them, and which may prove highly prejudicial to the People of this Province, and favourable to a cruel and merciless Enemy, to whom the Frontiers of this Province, for a large Extent of Country to the Westward, as well as Northward, are too evidently exposed; and which, without the Assistance of the six United Nations, cannot so easily, and with so much Security, be defended.

I have, at a very great Expence to the Crown, recovered the Affections of the six United Indian Nations, and hitherto preserved them in their Fidelity; I have, likewise induced them to be assiduous in drawing in their Allies and Dependants into the same good Dispositions with themselves, and who, consist of numerous Nations, and who can be of the greatest Service in distressing the Enemy; but I can and will no longer continue this Charge on the Crown, The preserving the Fidelity of the Indians, can in the Expence occasioned thereby, bear but a small Proportion to the Charge of recovering, and hitherto preserving their Affections and Fidelity, and of keeping them always in Readiness, and Parties in Action; and therefore, I cannot doubt, of your contributing on your Part, to so small a Proportion, as is necessary at this Time, for the Safety and Security of the People of this Province, and who, I am well assured, will chearfully bear any Tax or Imposition, that is so expedient for their own Safety. When it is considered what a Load of Taxes and Impositions, the People of Great-Britain chearfully bear, for the Preservation of the Liberties of Europe, it cannot be expected, that they will bear with Patience the Refusal of their Colonies, to take upon themselves that Expence, which is necessary for their own Safety, especially, when what may be saved from Superfluities, will be more than sufficient for all the Means proposed for this Purpose.

The Securing the Garrison at Oswego, on all Events, is a Matter of the greatest Consequence, for preserving the Fidelity of the Indians, and deserves your serious Consideration, in order to give the necessary Supplies for that Purpose; and unless you likewise secure the Indians, by building Forts, one at least in every Nation, they must be wavering in their Resolutions; since, if this be neglected, they may suspect, that we have no Regard to their Safety, but only to employ them for our own benefit.

At the same time, I shall with great Pleasure think of, and concur in every Method, to make this necessary Expence as easy as possible to all, but especially to those who are least able to bear it; I mean, the labouring and industrious Part of the Inhabitants; with this View of saving Expence, I propose to you, to take the Forces levied on the Expedition intended against Canada, into the Pay of this Province, with Provisions, on the same Footing they would have been, had they continued in the King's Pay; considering how far the Number of Men in these Forces, and now in the County of Albany, is lessened by Death and Desertion, the whole will not amount to more than the Number of Men, which by the Agreement now laid before you will be requisite in a little Time to be levied in this Province, for the Purposes mentioned in that Agreement; without taking this Method, it may be a Question, whether the necessary Levies can be made when immediately wanted, and if they can be made, yet in all Probability the Expence of doing it, will be greater than the Charge of continuing these Troops in Pay for the Time proposed; at the same Time I must tell you, that unless this Method be taken for

continuing the Forces at Albany, the Frontiers must this Winter be deprived of that Defence, which they may have by continuing them, and in that Case, I know of no Method to secure the Frontiers, but by making large Detachments of the Militia, from the several Counties of the Province for that Service, and it must be done, if you do not agree to the other Method, notwithstanding that I think it will be every way more chargeable and burthensome to all the Inhabitants, and less effectual; in Order to lessen the Expence of keeping up the new Levies, I shall reduce the Number of Companies so that the Number of Men in each Company, be brought up to that of their first Establishment, and when that is done, the whole of what then can remain, will be no more than what is expedient for the Defence of the Frontiers.

Though I think it absolutely necessary, for you at this Time, to take the whole Charge of the Indians, as well as of securing the Frontiers upon yourselves, I shall Use my best Endeavours by such Application, as I shall think most effectual, to persuade the Colonies to the Southward, as far as Virginia, to contribute a reasonable Proportion towards the Encouragement and Support of the Indians, and defence of the Frontiers, as well as in joining in any Enterprize against the Enemy, which shall be thought proper; or if they cannot be thus persuaded, I shall use my best Endeavours to obtain such royal Injunctions, as shall be effectual for that Purpose.

As to your taking upon you at this Time, the whole necessary Expence of the Indians, I must inform you, that at my last Treaty with the six united Nations, the Governments of Virginia, and of the Massachusetts-Bay, sent considerable Presents to the Indians; the Massachusetts-Bay, have since that, sent Presents to the Value at least of One Thousand Pounds, New-York Currency; and Connecticut, about Three Hundred Pounds Value, in the same Money. This Government gave no Presents at that Treaty, nor have they at any Time since, been at any Expence on Account of the Indians, and therefore, you have now the more Reason to advance what is absolutely necessary for your own Safety, for some Time, till the neighbouring Colonies be bro't to contribute their just Proportion of that Expence.

There is nothing in my Power, which I will not chearfully do, for the Welfare of this Province, and Safety of the People his Majesty has committed to my Care; I have given as strong Proofs of this, as any Governor ever did before me: I shall likewise use my Endeavours, that whatever you may give for these Ends, shall be as frugally managed as possible, and that all Satisfaction be given you for that Purpose, either by Accounts or otherwise, so far as can be desired.

You will see by the Agreement herewith sent you, that the Approbation of the several Governments, must be transmitted to the others as soon as possible. The Season of the Year makes it necessary to provide immediately for the Cloathing of the Forces at Albany, if they are to be continued there at your Expence

If I be not enabled to send an Account to Mr Shirley, and Mr Knowles, of your Resolutions, in Respect to the retaining the Forces at Albany, speedily, perhaps it may come too late, or be a Prejudice to his Majesty's Service in other parts.

The Sachems of the six Indian Nations, and others, who came down with Col. Johnson, (whose Name I cannot mention without grateful Remembrance of the Services he has done his Country) now wait for your Resolutions, and my Answer thereon; and though they are impatient to be gone, I cannot suffer them to go, without giving them Encouragement, by proper Presents and Assurances, in order to dispel any Jealousies they may have conceived by Reason of their Disappointment in the Expeditions having been so long delayed; and I cannot give these Assurances, till I know your Resolution of supporting the necessary Expence that attends the reserving the Friendship of the Indians.

The Sachems say, they will not stay beyond two Days; and if they go away discontented, I know not of what bad Consequence it may be, and surely it can produce no Good: These Things altogether make it necessary for you to resolve speedily, and therefore I shall lay nothing before you at this Time, till I know your Resolutions thereon; and I must require your speedy Answer on the several Heads now recommended to you. I shall order some other Papers to be laid before you, for your better Information in these Matters.

G. Clinton.

City of New York *October* 6th 1747

The Deputy Secretary also laid before the Council a Report of the Commissioners of the Province of New York, Massachusetts Bay & Connecticut which being Read was *Ordered* to be Entered in the Minutes & is as follows

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Several Governments of the Massachusetts Bay, New York and Connecticut, at the City of New York in order to concert and agree upon some general measures, for carrying on the war against the Common Enemy & for ye mutual Defence and Security of his Majesties British Provinces & Colonies, on this continent in North America; It is judged after mature Consideration had of the present distressing circumstances of these three Colonies, and thereupon the said Commissioners agree to Report to their Respective Constituents that they are unanimously of opinion.

1 That an Expedition be formed and carried on against the French Fort at Crown point, for the Reduction of that Fortress

2 That it will be necessary that four thousand Men (officers included) be raised (with as many of the Six Nations of Indians and their allies as can be obtained) to carry on the said Expedition, and that it will be necessary those Troops be at Albany by the fifteenth of April next, ready to march for the aforesaid purpose

3 That as the engageing the Six Nations and their allies, in this and other services against the Common Enemy, is of great importance to the British Governments, it is judged necessary, that such of the Indians as shall engage in the said Expedition, & go into the service, be equipt each with necessarys to the value of five pounds New York Currency, and be assured of a present of the like value on their return in case of success.

4 That as a further means of securing and engaging the said Indians in the service of the English, and to prevent their being seduced to Revolt to the French, it is agreed that it be proposed to each of the said Governments, that a Gunsmith be sent to each of the Tribes following vizt the Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas & Senecas, and two Men with each Gunsmith, to continue with them until the next Spring; and that the said persons be instructed to be as obliging as may be to the Indians, with whom they live and converse, and do all in their power to establish and increase the Interest of the English with them, and from time to time advise the Governments of any thing that they shall observe necessary, or that the Indians may want or desire to be done for that purpose; and that there be purchased suitable Goods, to the value of three hundred and sixty pounds New York Currency, to be put into the hands of said Smiths, (or of one of the men that go with them respectively) to be given to the several Nations aforesaid, (except sixty pounds thereof to be put into the hands of some suitable person for the Mohawks) to be distributed as follows Viz^t one hundred & twenty pounds to the Senecas, sixty pounds to the Oneyades & Tuscaroras, sixty pounds to the Cayugas, and sixty pounds to the Onondagas, and that the several persons render an account upon oath of the disposition of the said Goods, to the respective Governments; and that the Charges of the said Smiths and others attending them, as also the said three hundred and sixty pounds, be born and paid in the proportion following Viz^t The Massachusets Bay nine twentieth parts; New York eight twentieths; and Connecticut three twentieths; But these proportions not to be drawn into precedent upon any other occasion hereafter

5 That (besides what Governour Clinton has assured the Commissioners shall be supplied Gratis, of the Battoes, Cannon, and Warlike Stores & implements, in the province of New York, provided at his Majestys Expence) the General and common Expence necessary for ye engaging and Rewarding the Indians, paying the Officers of the Train of Artillery, and for the common store of Shot, Gunpowder, and other Military preparations necessary for the common service, be provided by & at the charge of the Governments engaging in this service, and that the proportions and Quotas of the Governments for these services, as well as the keeping and supporting the Garrison (if reduced) until his Majestys pleasure be known, be as above mentioned and that whatsoever part or proportion, either of Men or money, any other Governments shall undertake to bear and furnish shall lessen the parts of these three Governments, according to the aforesaid Proportion; and that the Legislatures of each Government, engaging in this Enterprize; raise, equip, provide for, subsist and pay their own Troops, as also appoint commissaries to take care of their own stores; saving, that the Government of New York be not obliged to raise above twelve hundred Men, the Massachusets Commissioners agreeing to propose to their constituents, to raise four hundred Men, to compleat the proportion of New York The Officers to be Commissioned by the Governour of the said Governm^t undertaking to provide the same, and both Officers and Soldiers of said four hundred Men, to receive the same bounty, wages, subsistance and every other thing from the Government of New York, which shall be given or paid by the said Government of New York, to a like proportion of the twelve hundred Men, they shall raise for said Expedition

6 That the Governours of the Massachusets Bay, New York & Connecticut be desired to appoint and Commissionate the three General Officers for the said Expedition

7 That each Government appoint a Committee of one or more persons to meet at Midletown in Connecticut on the eleventh day of December next, or as soon after as may be, in order to determine & ascertain the particulars necessary to be provided at the common charge of the Governments, and also to agree what particular sorts or species of the s^d particulars each Government shall undertake to provide, having regard to said Proportion

8 That the Commissioners here present, having made Report to their respective constituents, of what measures are hereby agreed upon; the Governours of the Massachusets Bay, New York, and Connecticut, be desired by the respective Assemblys of these Governments, to apply to the Governours of the several other Provinces and Colonys from Virginia to New Hampshire inclusive, to recommend it to their several Assemblys, fully to join, according and in proportion to their abilities in this comõn undertaking against his Majesty's Enemies, and to unite with these Governments in the mutual defence, and security of his Majesty's Colonies on ye Continent in North America, and particularly desiring them, to send their Committee to meet at Middletown afors^d to engage in this undertaking, and to agree upon what part they respectively will provide of Men, Money & Common Stores, necessary for the engaging and encouraging the Indians, and for the carrying on the s^d Expedition; also requesting as speedy an answer as may be to

the Governours of these Governments respectively, of what their several Governments will undertake in this important Enterprize

9 That in the mean time, while the preparations are making for the proposed Expedition, application be made to his Majesty by the Legislature of each of these Governments, for such a Naval force as may be sufficient to go up the River St Lawrence, and either divert or subdue that part of the Country; and in case of an assuarance of a sufficiency to command the River and attack the Fortresses there, and that it be his Majesty's pleasure the Expedition be carried on against Canada; that then the preparations and necessarys designed more immediately for an Expedition against Crown point, be employed and carried on against Canada, for the Reduction of the same; with such additional forces as can be raised: and in that case, that application at the same time be made as afors^d, that the Quotas of the several Governments be settled, and that those that are deficient be enjoined to furnish the same.

10 That in case the other Governments, who have not sent their Comiss^rs to this meeting to concert measures for the common good of his Majesty's Subjects, shall after application made to them as before proposed and Notice of these conclusions, and approbation thereof by these Governments, shall neglect or refuse to join them in these important affairs, for the mutual defence and security of his Majesty's Subjects and Interests; that then application be made as afores^d for the Royal Injunctions, to be laid on the several deficient Governments to furnish and provide their proportions and Quotas of Men and Money necessary for the future general defence and security of his Majesty's Colonies and for the carrying on any proper scheme for the annoyance of the Common Enemy.

11 That in case the proposed Expedition against Crown point only go forward, and no Ships of War are sent by his Majesty to go up the River St Lawrence for the purpose afores^d, then a diversion be made up s^d River with what Vessells can be obtained from the several Governments, at the charge of s^d Governments, and in conjunction with such of his Majesty's Ships of War as can be procured at Louisburgh or elsewhere, and that a diversion by Land be made by the direction and under the conduct of ye General Officers by such of the Forces of Christians and Indians, as shall by s^d Officers on proper encouragement be sent out for that purpose.

12 That the Vessells Goods Stores and other things sent, or that shall go through any part of the Government of New York, for the forces imployed in the aforementioned and proposed service, or in Garrisoning the said Fortress, be free and exempt from any Toll, Tribute, Custom and Duty, that is or might be imposed on such materials, by virtue of any Act of the Government of New York.

13 That if it should happen that the proposed Expeditions, shall neither of them be carried on the next year, or if by reason of any other events it should be found necessary, for the defence of his Majesty's Subjects, and annoying the Enemy to send out and maintain Scouts or Rangers, That then the Governments of Massachusets Bay, New York, and Connecticut, send out on proper encouragment such a Number of Men respectively, as they shall Judge a proportion for them, in order to defend the borders of the exposed Settlements, and to annoy and distress the French & Enemy Indians in their Settlements; & in this service to join with such of the Six Nations and their allies as will go on that design: and that the other Governments of New Jersey, Pensilvania, Maryland, Virginia, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, be applyed to, to furnish provide and bear their proportion in Men Money or other Necessarys, for the Encouragment and support of such Scouts or Rangers: And that each Government providing and sending out such Scouts or Rangers, receive the benefit of such money or other Necessarys as shall be afforded by the other Governments not sending Men, in proportion to the number of Men they shall respectively employ in s^d service

14 That in case any attack or invasion shall be made by the Enemy on any one or more of his Majesty's Governments, and application be made to any other Government for assistance, that the same be speedily afforded according to the necessity and circumstances of the case; The subsistance only being provided by, and at the charge of the Government requesting and receiving such succours: And if either of the Governments receive any intelligence of an Enemy approaching, either by sea or Land, who may endanger any one or more of the other Governments, that they give them the earliest notice possible thereof by Express

15 That the Legislatures of these three Colonys be desired to determine upon this agreement with all the Dispatch possible, and when done, that each Government do signify the same to the others as soon as may be

16 The large numbers of Men and great Charges consequent thereupon as above, have been come into by the Commissioners, by reason of the distressing Circumstances of these Governments, notwithstanding the full perswasion of the Commissioners, that these burthens must be beyond the abilities of said Governments, if continued; They being almost constantly harrased by Incursions or Invasions on their Borders from the French and their Indians for near five hundred Miles an end; And many of their Settlements already broken up, and destroyed and divers others in the most imminent danger The Case being such, that if these Government do not lay these heavy burthen on themselves (under which if they are not relieved they must sink) they must be much sooner destroyed by their Inhuman Enemies aboves^d, who are exceedingly supported, spirited, and advantaged by the aboves^d Crown point Fort: The Commissioners being

sensible, that it is as truly unreasonable and destructive to these Governments, to support all the Men and Money necessary to defend his Majesty's Subjects and Interests in North America, as it would be for a small part of the Nation, to be at the expence of defending the whole: There being divers more wealthy, and populous Governments than we are, who have been, and are defended by us, and therefore in all reason ought to bear their proportion of the Common defence, both with Men and Money.

17 The above Articles we agree to recommend to, and in all proper ways to endeavour they may be ratified by the Governments to which we respectively belong, none of which shall be obligatory on any of the three Governments, but such as shall be ratified by all.

In Testimony whereof we have signed Triplicates of these presents, at the City of New York this twenty-eighth day of September, in the twenty-first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, of Great Britain France & Ireland King &c^a Annoq Domini One thousand seven hundred & forty-seven

Thos Fitch, Benjn Hall — Connecticut Commiss^rs

Ph Livingston, Jos Murray, W Nicoll, Philip Verplanck, Hen Cruger — New York Commiss^rs

Samuel Welles, Robt Hale, Ol^r Partridge — Massachusets Com^rs

Then the Council adjourned 'till Thursday next, 11 o'clk.

Thursday the 8th day of October, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till Fryday Morning next 11 o clock

Fryday the 9th day of October, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock

Saturday the 10th day of October, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till Tuesday Morning next 11 o clock

Tuesday the 13th day of October, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till Fryday next 11 oclock

Friday the 16th day of October, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till Tuesday ye 20th Instant 11 o clock

Tuesday the 20th of October, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock

Wednesday the 21st *of October*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Deputy Secretary laid before the Board by his Excellencys directions a copy of a Speech of seven Sachims of the Six Nations and other Indians to his Excellency the 26th Ultimo. Also a copy of the Examination of Collo William Johnson taken before a Committee of the Council the third Instant which being read

Ordered, that the same do lye on the Table for the further consideration of the Board

A Message from his Excellency the Governour by the Deputy Secretary which being read was

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council

You have herewith sent you, the copy of a Message which I have this day to the Assembly, that you may give your concurrence in the matters which I have recommended to them by his Majesty's orders, and which are necessary for his Majesty's service, and the Security of the Province

A Copy of a Message sent to the Assembly

Gentlemen,

In obedience to his Majesty's Commands, I am to inform you, that his Majesty has for the present, laid aside the Expedition intended against Canada, and has ordered the Forces levied in America, for that Expedition, to be discharged, except so many of them as it shall be thought necessary to retain for the defence of Nova-Scotia. I am further directed to recommend it to you, to furnish such Sums of Money, or Credit, as may be wanted to pay the Forces levied in this Province, for that Expedition, till it be provided for by Parliament; for which Purpose, Accounts of the whole Expence incurred on Account of the American Troops, from the Time of their being levied, to the Time of their Discharge is to be transmitted to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle.

His Majesty hopes you will comply with this Demand, without Difficulty; and I may add, that as I have already paid the private Men, to the 24th Day of June last, and two Months Pay to the Subalterns, the Demand on this Province, will be so much lessened at the Time of their Dismission. The like Demand is to be made on the other Colonies, who levied Troops for the same Service.

On this Occasion, I shall renew the Proposal I formerly made you, of retaining what Number of the Levies now at Albany, you shall be willing to pay, for the present Defence of the Frontiers of this Province; by which likewise the Charge of raising new Levies, in pursuance of the Agreement entered into with the Colonies of Massachusetts-Bay, and Connecticut, may be much lessened.

As it is become necessary that I know your Resolutions on these Heads without delay; and to prevent the proposing Conditions, which may occasion Delay, whatever of these Forces are to be retained, must be retained on the same Pay, both as to Officers and private Men, on which they entered into his Majesty's Service; and that in Case you do not retain all that are now remaining at Albany, after they shall be reduced into compleat Companies of One Hundred Men each, as I formerly proposed to you, the Choice of such as I shall think most proper for the Service, must be left to me. After I shall know your Resolutions to comply with the Whole, or any Part of what I now propose, Estimates of the Sums requisite, shall be laid before you. I must again repeat, that his Majesty's Service requires that I know your Resolutions without Delay; an Express which came from Boston, being detained for that Purpose.

G. CLINTON.

City of New York }
19th *October* 1747. }

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Richard and Mr Nicol with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first "day of November one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven to the first day of November "one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday the 22^{d} *October*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Friday the 23^{d} *day of October*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*^{ble} CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to Farm the Excise on Strong Liquors Retailed in this Colony from ye first day of November one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven to the first day of November one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight" be now Read the first Time
Then the said Bill was Read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading
A Message from the General Assembly by Col^{o} Schuyler and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for and towards supporting the "Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned from the "first day of September 1740 to the first day of December 1741" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Beekman and Mr Nicoll with the Bill Entituled "An Act for appointing Commissioners to take examine and state the publick "accounts of the Colony of New York from ye year one thousand seven hundred and thirteen" desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto
A Message from the General Assembly by Col^{o} Beekman and Captain Livingston with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of credit of this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicol and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of the poor in the County of Suffolk" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said four Bills be now Read
Then the said Bills were Read the first time and
Ordered, a second Reading.
Then the Council adjourned till Monday Morning 10 o clock

Monday the 26*th of October*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to Farm the Excise on Strong Liquors "retailed in this Colony from the first day of November one thousand seven hundred and forty-"seven to the first day of November one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight" — And the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for and towards "Supporting the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Dutys therein "mentioned from the first day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty to the first "day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty one" be now read the second time
Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for Appointing Commissioners to take, examine, "and State the publick accounts of the Colony of New York from the year one thousand seven "hundred and thirteen" be now Read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

On the Question being put

Ordered to be committed

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual Cancelling the Bills of Credit "of this Colony" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

On the Question being put

Ordered to be committed.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the relief of the poor in the County of Suffolk" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

Then the Council adjourned till Wednesday Morning 10 o clock

Wednesday the 28*th day of October*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday the 29*th day of October*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the following Bills to wit.

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to Farm the Excise on Strong Liquors Retailed in this "Colony from the first day of November one thousand seven hundred and forty seven to the "first day of November one thousand seven hundred and forty eight" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for and towards "Supporting the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein "mentioned from the first day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty to the first "day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty-one"

The Committee having duely weighed and Considered of the said two Bills and being ready to make their report thereon

The Speaker ressumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Honoble Archibald Kennedy Esqr Chairman of the said Committee In his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills and had directed him to report them without Amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And

Ordered, that the said two Bills be now Read the third time

Then the said two Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said two Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Honōble John Moore Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

Then the Council adjourned till Saturday next 11 o clock

Saturday the 31st *day of October*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT—*The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicol and Colo Lot with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for purchasing a Supply of Provisions for Victualling Eight compleat companys of the Forces raised on the Expedition intended against Canada or eight compleat companys of Voluntiers to consist of one hundred men each to be employed on the North Frontiers of this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now Read

Then the said Bill was Read the first Time and

Ordered a Second Reading

His Excellency the Governor having sent a Message to the Council requiring their attendance at the Council Chamber at his Excy's Residence The Council adjourned & went thither accordingly Where being met his Excelly came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House—And they attendg accordingly with their Speaker his Excellency in the presence of the Council & General Assembly was pleased to give his assent to the two following Bills vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this "Colony from the first day of Novr 1747 to the first day of Novr 1748" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for & towards "supporting the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein men-"tioned from the first day of Decr 1740 to the first day of December 1741

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner

The Council returned to the Council Chamber at the City Hall

The Speaker assumed the Chair and

Then the Council adjourned till Monday next 3 o clock P. M.

Monday the 2d *day of November*, 1747, *Pt Mdm*.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT—*The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, "An Act "for appointing Commissioners to take Examine and State the publick accounts of the Colony "of New York from the year one thousand seven hundred and thirteen" The Bill Entituled "An Act for the more effectual Cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony" and the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of the poor in the County of Suffolk

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then the Honourable Archibald Kennedy Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills and had directed him to report them without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the said three Bills

Ordered a third Reading

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Tuesday the 3d day of November, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT—*The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners to take Examine "and State the publick accounts of the Colony of New York from the year one thousand seven "hundred and thirteen, be now Read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Mr Colden dissented to the passing this Bill for the following Reasons

1 The Executive part of Government, and the Nomination to all Offices, is an undoubted part of his Majesty's Prerogative; and his Majesty has a peculiar Interest in all the Money or Funds granted in this Colony, They being granted to his Majesty and for his service; and therefore his Majesty or such Person as he has intrusted with the administration of Government, has a right to the Nomination of proper persons, to take Examine and State the publick accounts, that his Majesty may be assured of their Integrity and Zeal for his service: But in the present case I am well assured the Governour has in no manner been consulted in the Nomination made by the present Bill. The assuming the Nomination when no Powers are to be given by this Bill, but what can more effectually be done by Commission, makes the design on the administration more evident

2d As the Funds for Support of Government, have for a continued usage in this Province, arisen from Duties and Imposts on Wine Rum & other Merchandize; Merchants (as the Commissioners appointed by this Bill are well known all to be) are not proper persons for examining & stating these accounts. For if by any conivance with the Merchants, these Duties and Imposts be not carefully levied, whereby the Merchants may save one half, or more, of what they otherways ought to pay; They seem to me not to be the properest persons to discover and take Notice of such Neglects, or of any Frauds in the levying, or collecting of those Duties and Imposts; whereby his Majestys Service may Suffer, and the burthen of Taxes, laid on the Real and personal Estates of the Inhabitants, be thereby increased. And if any credit is to be given to Rumour and Reports, these Duties if carefully collected, would produce at least double of what they now do; and the Inhabitants would thereby be eased in those Taxes which fall heaviest on the poorer & Industrious part of them—And as by the stating the publick accounts these Merchants appointed Commissioners, may gain an undue Influence over the Treasurer. The person principally intrusted with collecting these Duties, strong Temptations may be laid on the Treasurer to favour them in their Duties, more than others: whereby they may gain a great advantage over other Traders, to the great Loss of the fair Trader—As these Merchants offer to take the Trouble of Stating the publick accounts for many years past and to come, without any Reward and as there is nothing so generous formerly observed in their conduct in Life, to make any easily believe, that they would freely undertake this great Trouble, without some view to profit; There is Room to suspect a private view in it. For it is a general observation, that Merchants as seldom give their Labour and Time, without a prospect to profit, as any set of men whatsoever

3 As by the construction of several words and Expressions in this Bill, there seems to be an intention to make the present members of the Assembly for the City and County of New York perpetual Auditors of the publick accounts I think it an unfair Artifice to draw in the members of the Assembly to give their assent to a Bill, the Intention & purpose of which they may not perceive I believe not many on a Reading of this Bill, without pointing out the force of some words, and which are not obviously perceived, will imagine, that such is the Intention of the Bill; and yet upon a stricter examination, I think the force of those words in construction of Law will be found to be such: This is further confirmed by the Title to the Bill, in which there is no Limitation as to time, from and after the year 1713

4 There is no Tye on the Province, or on the Treasurer or on any other to bind them to the state of the accounts made by the Commissioners but that notwithstanding such a state, every article in the said accounts may be controverted, and therefore nothing effectual can be done by such state, Notwithstanding that the Treasurer, and others, may be put to great Trouble, and the province to a fruitless expence thereby

5 No Rules are prescribed for the Proceedings of the Commiss^{rs}, and therefore their Proceedings must be arbitrary, and in case of Error no means provided for Relief against or amendment of such Error.

6 For these Reasons the state of the accounts to be made by these Commiss^{rs}, may be far from being the true state; wherefore the power to publish that Erroneous state, may much deceive the people of this province, & serve to slander the Treasurer, or other particular Person in this province and for what purpose these accounts, thus stated, should be directed to be published in the Newspapers I cannot see, unless it be to confirm levelling principles of making the Mob the dernier Resort in matters of Account, and of consequence in all cases; The favouring of which principles evidently tends to the weakening his Majesty's Authority, and the dependence of this province on the Crown of Great Britain, and is destructive of all good Government. Certainly the exposing the State of the Revenue to foreign nations, unless it be very flourishing is not prudent in any Nation, especially in time of war

Lastly; Yearly salaries are to be paid in perpetuity, to certain persons, without any warrant from the Governour of this Province for the payment of them; and without any check or condition of their doing their duty; contrary to the express words of his Majesty's Commission: of which all Persons are at their peril to take Notice: and by the authority of which, all Laws passed in this Province have their Force, and it may be a Question whether any Law made in this Province, in direct contradiction to that authority, can be of force; at least, I cannot give my assent to the passing of this Bill, and thereby to be advising to his Excellency, to give his assent to a Bill, in direct contradiction to his Majesty's express commands to him

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled "An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony" be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Mr Colden dissented to the passing this Bill for the following Reasons

1 As this Bill is subject to the same exceptions, as to the Nomination of the Commissioners apōinted by it, and the payment of their salary's without the usual warrant for the same, which I made to the Bill Entituled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to take &c^{a}" it is needless to repeat these exceptions, since it may be sufficient to refer to them.

2 By this Bill, other Bills of Credit are directed to be cancelled in place of those Bills which by preceeding Acts were directed to be cancelled; By this means many Bills may be left in the hands of private persons, whose currency by the Acts by which they were emitted, may be expired; and thereby the Inhabitants of this Province be great sufferers. This at least may make all tenders of any considerable sum very difficult, since the Witnesses must swear that every Bill so tendered was current by the Acts of this Government, at the time of such tender.

3 The Treasurer is ordered by this Bill to receive any defaced Bills brought to him, and to exchange them for good Bills, which defaced Bills he is ordered to cancel and destroy: This is certainly a Fund for great Fraud, since after a Bill is defaced, the value of it cannot be known, neither can it be known whether it be a true Bill or a Counterfeit; many Counterfeit Bills of this province have appeared. After this Bill shall be passed into an Act, if any Counterfeit Bill be defaced, the Treasurer may receive it, and give a good Bill for it; and since this defaced Bill is to be destroyed, it is impossible to discover such Fraud

4 By the Act passed in the eleventh year of his Majesty's Reign, and mentioned in this Bill, a certain method was established for cancelling the Bills of Credit; in such manner that a perpetual evidence may remain that the persons employed in cancelling those Bills, have truly executed the trust reposed in them, both as to the number of Bills, and the value of each Bill so cancelled: By this Bill that clause which requires this proof and evidence, is to be repealed and no proof is required of the present Commissioners, that they shall truly and without Fraud execute their Duty, in cancelling the Bills, but their oath when thereunto required, & if they refuse to make oath, the penalty is five pound.

Now it is certainly possible, that these Commissioners may instead of destroying these Bills, put them in their pockets, and issue them out again; in place of good and true Bills, they may destroy counterfeit Bills; so that at the expiration of the time for the currency of the Bills of Credit, many good Bills to a great value may be left in the hands of private persons, and thereby either these persons must suffer, or the province by laying New Funds to pay these bills off.

When all checks on Fraud are purposly avoided, and every means to commit it is industriously given, it cannot with men of sence give a good opinion of such proceedings, especially when the reasons given for removing these checks, appear to be merely palliative, or evidently false, as they appear to me in the present Bill

Every Man who has Regard to his Honour, and is intrusted by the publick, in such manner that he may make great profit to himself by any abuse of the trust, will desire to have all possible evidence remain of his having acted faithfully in pursuance of the trust reposed in him; and when any man takes pains to have the means of preserving such evidence of his having acted faithfully taken away and rendered impracticable; or if such things are done with his privity; it gives too good grounds to suspect such Mans designs—And no Man of Honour in

such case, would desire the whole evidence of his Integrity to lye on his own oath: since a conscience that can consent to such frauds, would not be startled at Perjury: especially when all means of discovering the Perjury are carefully removed.

There are few or no Paragraphs in this Bill, to which just exceptions may not be taken: but those I have already mentioned, appear so glaring to me, that I think it needless to put down any more: I only shall observe, that as by the clauses in the Acts for cancelling the Bills of Credit, and which by this Bill are to be Repealed, the Bills of credit are to be cancelled without any charge to this Province, and in a manner which must be effectual, and give more satisfaction to all concerned: I cannot conceive any Reason for putting the Province to the charge of four pounds per day, unless it be to reward the services in General Assembly, of the Speaker, and three of the Members of the City of New York: who undertook to serve their constituents without fee or reward: but I am humbly of opinion, that it would be more for the Honour of this Government, to reward those services in a different manner.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of the poor in the County of Suffolk" be now Read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honourable Philip Courtlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the aforesaid three Bills without any amendments

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for purchasing a Supply of Provisions for "victualling eight compleat companys of the Forces raised in the Expedition intended against "Canada or eight compleat companys of Volunteers to consist of one hundred Men each to be "employed on the Northern Frontiers of this Colony" be now Read the second time

Then the said Bill was Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

And thereupon Mr Colden moved That it be an Instruction to the Committee to amend this Bill in such manner that the Disposition of the provisions for the Forces posted at Albany for the Defence of the Frontiers of this province be in his Excellency or in the Commanding Officer of the said Forces and that such clauses be added as shall be thought necessary to prevent any Embezlement or converting of any of the said Provisions to any other use than is intended by this Bill

Which Motion on the Question being put was carried in the Negative

Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o'clock

Wednesday the 4th day of November, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker.
PHILIP LIVINGSTON.
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY.
JAMES DE LANCEY.
PHILIP COURTLANDT.
JOSEPH MURRAY.
JOHN MOORE, Esqr.

The Speaker assumed the chair

Mr Livingston made a Motion in the words following

Gentlemen.

When his Excellency our Governour on the sixth day of October last, ordered the agreement made and signed by the Commissioners, appointed in behalf of the provinces of Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, and this Province: to be laid before this Board: it was accompanyed with a Message from his Excellency to this Board, wherein were contained two paragraphs in the words following to wit

"But you will observe by that agreement that nothing is concerted for the security of the "Frontiers of this Province or for the safety of the Inhabitants thereof: tho' the doing of "this was recommended by me to the Commissioners of this Province, in the Strongest Terms "I could conceive: It remains then with you to take care of your constituents, by granting "the Supplies necessary for that end

"Neither have the Commissioners concerted any method for preserving the Indians in the "good Dispositions they now are in, and which I think of the greatest consequence to the "safety of the People:"

Upon the hearing of which Message Read, I was under some uneasiness to find some Expressions, which may bear a construction to the disadvantage of the New York Commissioners, as if they had ignorantly, or wilfully omitted or neglected to concert or treat about such matters, as had been Recommended to them by his Excellency, for the Security of the Frontiers of this Province; or for the safety of the Inhabitants thereof; or for preserving the Indians in a good Disposition towards us.

When the New York Commissioners waited upon his Excellency with that agreement they informed him, that they had proposed to the other Commissioners, and insisted upon the aforesaid particulars, and all other matters Recommended to them by his Excellency; but could not prevail on the other Commissioners to agree to those particulars mentioned in his Excellency's Message, any further than what are contained in the said agreement, and farther when his Excellency was pleased to lay this agreement before the privy Council, he desired Mr Murray to acquaint the Council what the New York Commissioners had informed his Excellency at the time they had delivered the agreement, which Mr Murray accordingly did; as I suppose every Member here present well knows

You may also Remember Gentlemen, that immediately after Reading this Message before this Board, Mr Murray moved that this Board would declare their opinion of the conduct of the New York Commissioners, and which this Board could well do, from the knowledge every member had of most of the foregoing particulars, this being thought, as I understood, highly Reasonable by every Gentlemen present. It was then proposed his Excellency should be applyed to, to make some amendment to the Message, to clear the New York Commissioners from any Reflection upon that head, and soon afterwards, I was informed, that his Excellency ordered an Amendment to be made in writing for that purpose, a copy of which the Deputy Clerk of the Council showed me, and is in the words following—"And though as the Commis-"sioners of this Province told me in a Verbal Report they made of their proceedings, they had "used all the Arguments with the other Commissioners for that purpose, which they thought "most likely to prevail) and are to be inserted immediately after the following words in first "page, vizt: though the doing of this was recommended by me to the Commissioners of this "province in the strongest Terms I could conceive"

Since which I have seen this Message printed, without that or any other Amendment; whereby the New York Commissioners, may be open to censure & blame, without the least Just cause: Wherefore on behalf of my self and the rest of the New York Commissioners I move that this Honourable Board would be pleased to give their opinion, relating to the conduct and behavour of the New York Commissioners that they may be cleared from any blame.

Whereupon the Council are unanimously of opinion, that the Commissioners of this province Acted with Fidelity in the trust reposed in them, and earnestly pressed the aforesaid particulars, and the other matters recommended by them by his Excellency, though they could not prevail upon the Commissioners of the other Governments to agree to the particulars mentioned in his Excellency's Message any further than is contained in the written Agreement; and although some words in his Excellency's Message may bear a Construction to the Disadvantage of the Commissioners of the Province, yet the Council are of opinion that his Excellency had no such intention; and doubt not but his Excellency, will fully clear them from any imputation of blame on that score

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Thursday the 5th day of November, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled "An "Act for purchasing a supply of Provisions for Victualling eight Compleat Companys of the "Forces raised on the Expedition intended against Canada: or Eight Compleat Companys of "Voluntiers to consist of one hundred Men each to be employed on the Northern Frontiers of "this Colony"

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the same and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then Mr Chief Justice De Lancey Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same without any amendment

Mr Colden then moved that the putting the Question "Whether the Council agree with the Committees Report or not" should be postponed till the afternoon of this day

Which Motion on the Question being put was carried in the Negative and

On the Question being put

The Report was agreed to and approved of to which Mr Colden dissented

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read the third time

Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock

Fryday the 6th day of November, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for purchasing a Supply of Provisions for "victualling Eight Compleat Companys of the Forces raised on the Expedition intended "against Canada or Eight Compleat Companys of Voluntiers to consist of One hundred Men "each to be employed on the Northern Frontiers of this Colony" be now Read the third time

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass With this protestation Nevertheless That although there are some things in this Bill liable to Exceptions yet as the said Bill in the main is calculated for the publick service and the season of the year not admitting of any Delay The Council at this time declined entering into a particular Disquisition on the several parts of this Bill

Ordered, that the Honoble Philip Cortlandt Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Saturday the 7th day of November, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and

Adjourned till Tuesday next 11 o clock

Tuesday the 10th day of November, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and

Adjourned till Fryday next 11 o clock

Friday the 13th day of November, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and

Adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Saturday the 14*th day of November*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till Tuesday next 11 o clock

Tuesday the 17*th day of November*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday the 18*th day of November*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday the 19*th day of November*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*^{ble} CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent private Lotteries within this Colony" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Friday the 20*th day of November*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker Assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent private Lotteries within this Colony" be now Read the first time
Then the said Bill was Read the first time and
Ordered, a second Reading
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Abraham Lott and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising a supply of Twenty Eight Thousand Pounds by a Tax on "Estates Real and personal for defraying the Expence of several services necessary for the "Defence of the Frontiers and Annoyance of the Enemy, For emitting Bills of Credit for the "like sum and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short periods" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said Bill be now Read
Then the said Bill was Read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Saturday the twenty first day of November, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising a supply of 28.000 by a Tax on Estates "Real and personal for defraying the Expence of several services necessary for the Defence of "the Frontiers and annoyance of the Enemy: For Emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum, "and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short periods" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was Read the second time and

On the Question being put

Ordered to be committed

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent private Lotteries within this Colony" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

Then the Council adjourned till Monday morning next 11 o clock

Monday the 23^d day of November, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and

Adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Tuesday the 24th day of November, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for "raising a Supply of 28.000 by a Tax on Estates Real and personal for defraying the Expence "of several services necessary for the Defence of the Frontiers and annoyance of the Enemy: "For emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in "short periods" and the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent private Lotteries within this "province"

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said two Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono^ble John Moore Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the first of said two Bills and had directed him to Report the same without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

To which Mr Colden Dissented for the following Reasons

Commissaries are appointed by this Bill for the pay of the Forces levied or to be levied in this province and for the Ammunition of Gun powder and lead, without consulting or advising with the Governour in the Nomination and large sums are to be issued from the Treasury without warrant from the Governour and in direct contradiction to his Majesty's Commission by the authority of which the Legislature of this Province is impowered to make Laws

These Commissaries are by this Bill to Act independently of the Captain General's orders or of the Commanding Officer of those Forces and thereby have in their power to controul and render ineffectual any orders however necessary for the Defence of the province or annoyance of the Enemy

The Method for cancelling the Bills of Credit to be issued by virtue of this Act opens a Door to fraud and to introduce confusion in all the other Funds

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read the third time

The Honourable John Moore Esqr further Reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent private Lotteries within this Colony" and had directed him to Report the same without any amendment

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Honourable James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any amendment

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday the 25th day of November, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency having sent a message to the Council by the Deputy Secretary requiring their immediate attendance at the Council Chamber in Fort George

The Council adjourned thither accordingly.

Where being met His Excellency sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Clerk of the Council requiring the immediate attendance of that House and they attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Excellency then in the presence of the Council and General Assembly gave his Assent to the four following Bills vizt

"An Act for purchasing a supply of Provisions for Victualling eight Compleat Companys of "the Forces raised on the Expedition intended against Canada or eight Compleat Companys "of Voluntiers to consist of one hundred men each to be imployed on the Northern Frontiers "of this Colony"

"An Act for raising a supply of twenty-eight thousand pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and personal for defraying the Expence of several services necessary for the defence of the Frontiers "and Annoyance of the Enemy For emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum and for sinking "and cancelling the said Bills in short periods"

"An Act for the relief of the poor in the county of Suffolk" and

"An Act to prevent private Lotteries within this Colony"

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner and then his Excellency was pleased to Dissolve the General Assembly by a Speech in the words following

Gentlemen:

Your Resolves of the 12th Instant, and your Order to the Printer thereon, published in your Minutes together with your other proceedings, makes it necessary to speak to you at this time, in different Terms than I wished to have done.

I must recommend to your serious Consideration, when cool and free from the Influence of your Leaders, whether (if I had by my Order to the Printer of the Gazette, infringed on your Priviledges) it would not have better become you, to have in some Manner applied to me on that Head? But this Method, I suppose, did not please; because, thereby you cou'd not so evidently assume an authority over me, and to annul and contradict the Orders of your Governour; this may be taken by those who have a Right to enquire into your Conduct, as a direct assuming the Supreme in the executive Part of Government; and which they may think destructive of your Dependency on the Crown of Great-Britain, and of which the People of Great-Britain, may become jealous.

Consider, likewise, that Paper published under the Name of a Remonstrance of your House, and your former Representations; they contain several Things which you knew to be false, as appears from the Proceedings of your House; in others you manifestly contradict yourselves; from Things notoriously known, it must appear, that what you assert in other Parts of them, is impossible to be true; no where had you any Evidence of the Truth of the Facts which you assert; you were guided by no Principal of Action, but that of a blind Faith in your Leaders; this must appear to any one, who shall consider the Minutes of your Proceedings, the Time and Circumstances attending them: All these Things, I say, will appear to any Person attentively considering your Endeavours, to throw the vilest Aspersions on your Governour's Conduct.

Can Falshood, Slander and Malice be supported by any other Methods, than those which you have taken? Wou'd any Man who has the least Sense of Honour, take those Methods to support truth? Or to seek Redress from any real Grievance, which are only proper to support Falshood and Malice, and propagate Slander? For what Purpose are those Publications made, when those to whom they are made, have no Means of enquiring into the Truth of them, and can give no legal redress to any Injury, if it were real? Can any Thing be more pernicious to Society?

Besides these Things observable in general throughout your Proceedings, the Method you took to present that Remonstrance (as it is called) could only be with Design, to shew your Contempt of his Majesty's Authority, in the Character of his Governour of this Province: By that Method you assume so far an Authority over your Governour that you think it incumbent on him to know, and to pay a Regard to your Committees, and to Papers signed only by the Clerk of your House. Consider the Petition usually made by your Speaker, when presented to the Governour for his Approbation: Your Speaker only desires Access to the Governour's Person for himself, and when necessary for the publick Service; take the whole of your Proceedings together, and the Spirit of your Actions too plainly appears.

I must Leave it to my Superiours to judge, whether that printed Paper, called a Remonstrance of your House, has not evidently all the Characters of a false, scandalous and malicious Libell, against your Governour? I must leave it to them to judge, whether I acted as became the Governour of this Province, in forbidding the Printer to re-print it in his News-paper, as I was informed, the Speaker of your House, had privately ordered him to do, after it had been printed in the Votes of your House? I must likewise leave it to my superiours to judge, whether I cou'd pass over such a Publication in Silence? Whether, with any Regard to my Character, I cou'd take Notice of it in any other Manner, which cou'd give less Offence, than what I did? And whether you have acted like honest Men and loyal Subjects, in ordering a Libell against your Governour to be re-printed and ten Copies of it to be given to each of your Members, in order to have it dispersed all over the Country, as is actually done?

As to the popular Out-cry you endeavour to raise, of the Liberty of the Press, I shall only say, that certainly this Liberty, as well as any other may be abused to the Injury of others; if an Injury is done, a proper Remedy ought to be applyed; and such a Remedy can never be thought a Restraint of any just Liberty. I am perswaded that no considerate Man can think, that I offered any Obstruction to the Liberty of the Press, by forbidding the Printer to publish that one Paper at his Perill; if no Peril in doing of it, neither the Author nor Publishers of it can suffer by that Order; the proper Judges may in Time shew, whether I did a Service or Disservice to any, by such Warning.

You know with what Earnestness I recommended to you, to provide for the necessary Expence of preserving the Fidelity and Friendship of the Six United Indian Nations, and other Indians our Friends, Engaged in War with the Enemy; and tho' it be now so long since that was laid before you, you have not made the least Provision for this Service, which none can doubt of being of the greatest Importance for the Preservation not only of this, but of all the British Colonies in North-America: Such a Neglect, can no otherwise be accounted for, but that by the Alteration which may be expected in the Disposition of the Indians, from the Contempt which (they may apprehend) you have of their past Services, and from other Disappointments they have met with; you may have it in your Power to give some Colour to the vile Falshoods and Calumnies, you have published: In Hopes of doing this, all the Mischiefs which may happen, are of no Consideration with you.

It is also necessary to lay open another Design which too evidently appears through all your Proceedings; and which, it's probable, you principally had in view, viz: An Intention to assume the Superiority in the Administration: For this Purpose, you throw out all the Aspersions on your Governour's Conduct, that Malice can invent; that thereby you might disable him in retaining that Authority over the People of this Province, which the King has intrusted him with: For what other Purpose have you attempted to put in the most odious Light, the Endeavours I took for the Safety of this Province, in this Time of Danger? And which I must leave to my Superiours to judge, whether they were not the most prudent that could be taken, under the present Circumstances.

The Reason why it became necessary to keep secret the Orders for discharging the Forces raised in America, on the Expedition intended against Canada, 'till the Time they were to be put in Execution, are now obvious, viz. Lest the Defence of the Frontiers should be deserted before Preparation could be otherwise made for the Defence of them; I gave you however,

timely Notice of what was to happen, that you might make the Provision requisite for that Service: At the same Time, I told you in what Manner any Number of the forces then posted on the Frontiers, might be retained with the greatest Certainty. You refused to make Provision in the Manner I proposed; you took a different, and much more uncertain Method; and, after you had fixed on one Method, you changed it to another equally uncertain in its Success; and which, on a fair Calculation, must put the Province to above Four Thousand Pounds more Expence than the Method I proposed. It is well known how dilatory you have been in your Proceedings, while the Safety of the Province required the greatest Dispatch in your Resolutions.

When I perceived the Province to be thus exposed to imminent Danger, I took the only Course remaining in my Power for the Defence thereof, either in case that a sufficient Number of the Forces then at Albany, could not be retained, or that the Frontiers should be attacked by a greater Force than the Number of Men you proposed to pay, could resist.

As the Dangers of the Enemy might happen suddenly, (and when least expected) it became necessary to put the Militia, without delay, into such a Disposition, that they may be always in Readiness on every Emergency. For which Purpose I gave Orders that Detachments may be made of them upon the first Appearance of Danger, that may require more Force than may at any Time happen to be on or near the Frontiers. I never heard it asserted, that the Orders which I then gave, were either illegal or partial; that they either favoured one Man, or were oppressive to another; or that they were unnecessary.

For what Purpose, I say then, were your Resolves published? which evidently tended to create Disobedience; and did accordingly produce Disobedience to these Orders which I am confident, will appear prudent and necessary for the Safety of this Province, to all judicious and impartial Men. Could this be done for any other End (if you did not design to give up the Province to the Enemy) than to usurp the Command of the Militia, and to show that his Majesty's Prerogative and Authority over the Militia, (and which was never disputed) must be fruitless and ineffectual, unless he please to take that Authority from you, and under such Limitations as you shall please to set to it? It is too well known what base Insinuations were industriously spread among the People at that Time, in order to carry the Spirit of Disobedience, and the Passions of ignorant People, to the most dangerous Heighth; and how industriously some of your Members were in propagating the most mischievous Sentiments for that Purpose. As I then publickly declared, that I had no Intention to put the People of this Province to any unnecessary trouble, so, since that Time, I have done all in my Power to prevent it, by my Endeavours to retain as great a Number of the Forces now at Albany, as can be done on the Encouragement which you had promised. I hope no bad Event may too evidently demonstrate the Necessity of the Precaution I endeavoured to take, in having the Militia, in readiness for Prevention of it.

Your refusing the King credit, for Payment of what is due to the Forces levied in this Province, on the Expedition against Canada, till such Time as Provision shall be made in Parliament for that Service, too openly shows what little Regard you have either to the King's Pleasure, so reasonably signified to you or his Service; and likewise what little Regard you have to those who have been willing to expose their Lives, in the Service of their Country, and have on several Occasions, exposed their Lives in the Defence of this Province: This Contempt of such signal Services, and neglect of Men, who are now in the greatest Distress, arising from their Zeal for their King and Country's Service, must for the future, discourage the like Zeal in all others; and on many Accounts, must be detrimental to the People of this Province.

It is now well known, that if you had complied with my Offers, of retaining the Forces posted at Albany, in the Pay of this Province, on the Terms I proposed, a sufficient Number of disciplined Men, commanded by Gentlemen, could then have been retained: And it is now likewise so evident, that a sufficient Number of Men cannot at this Time be obtained in this Province by the Method you have taken, that the Council has found it necessary to advise me, to apply to the neighbouring Colonies for Men: Until a sufficient Number can be procured, the Frontiers must remain exposed to the Enemy; and it must remain uncertain for some Time, whether a sufficient Number can be procured. Thus, from an Obstinacy, and some other Temper of Mind, to which it is difficult to give a proper Name you are willing to expose the Lives and Estates of the People you represent, to all Cruelties and Ravages of a merciless Enemy, rather than to comply with any Demand of your Governor, however reasonable or necessary it be for the Welfare of your Country.

You still further discover your desire of assuming the supreme Authority over all Military Force in this Province, by your Conduct towards the independent Companies of Fusileers now posted at Albany, for the Defence of this Province, and which have been kept in it above fifty Years, at the Charge of the Crown, for its Defence. No Man can say, that the private Men can subsist themselves there on their Pay at this Time; or that they can at this Time, find any other Means for their Subsistence: Nor can any Man think that they can remain contented, to see others who do the same Duty with them, receive double the Pay and Provisions, while the Country which they protect, refuses provisions to them: Does not this plainly tend to a

Dissolution of these Companies? And for what Reason can this be desired by you at this Time, when Men are so much wanted for the Defence of the Frontiers, unless it be that you cannot bear any Military Force in this Province, not immediately dependent on you? And for this Purpose you are willing to lose these Troops likewise, though necessary for the Protection of the Province.

But the bills you have framed for the defence of the Frontiers, and to which I now give my Assent, for this reason only, that you have put it out of my Power otherwise to save this Province, from the most eminent Danger: These Bills, I say, put your Designs out of Question. For what Purpose do you put the Provisions for the Forces at Albany, the Pay of them, and the Ammunition, Gunpowder, and Ball, destined for their Use, into the Hands of Persons of your own Nomination, without advising or consulting with your Governor, in the Appointment of Persons to so great a Trust? But to put it in the Power of those Persons to controul any Order which your Governor shall give.

The Pretence which you endeavour to infuse into the Heads of the People, cannot have the least Appearance of Foundation, after the Declaration I made to you, that I would give my Assent to any Clauses proper to prevent any kind of Embezelment; or converting of either the Money or Provisions, to any other Use than designed by the granting them. It is well known that the Method you formerly took, and still continue to take, is as open to Frauds as any other. It must be surprising to have it supposed, that Frauds cannot be prevented otherwise than by a Breach or Alteration of the established Constitution; for this can only be supposed by those who do not understand, or are avowed Enemies to it.

You have done all in your Power to make my Endeavours for the safety of this Province, clash, and become inconsistent with my duty to the King, by making the only Means you put in my Power, for the Safety of the People, contradictory to his Majesty's express Commands; and which you know to be such, and derogatory to his Authority over you, while you obstinately persist in the same Method; but as I have a gracious Master, I hope my Zeal for the Safety of so many of his loyal Subjects as would otherwise be in Danger, will excuse me with him, by giving my assent to these Bills, under the present Circumstances of the Province, which admit of no Delay in preventing the Dangers all are in, but more especially many innocent People, on or near the Frontiers.

Whatever vain Imaginations your Leaders, or a Faction among you, may entertain, I am confident his Majesty has Numbers sufficient of loyal Subjects in this Province, to prevent the ill effects of the most daring Attempt on his Authority; and which all Men of Sense know, that no Act of this Government can, in any Light, deprive him of, or lessen his Prerogative, in any Circumstance, however vain you may be of your Powers; but that everything attempted by you to that Purpose, must be foolish as well as arrogant: Every Act to that Effect, is of itself void.

Many other Instances can be given of your grasping at Power, both Civil and Military, by your assuming to yourselves the Nomination to Offices, and the sole rewarding of all Services, as in every Money Bill you pass; to which you will allow of no Amendment by the Council, in any Part of the Bill, how foreign soever to the granting Part; neither do you previously advise or consult with your Governor, either in the Nomination to Offices, or the rewarding of Services.

Take the whole of your Proceedings together, there must appear not only a Want of Candour, but open Malice likewise; and as by your repeated Publications they are become generally a Part in Conversation of all People in the neighbouring Colonies; this Conduct, of you the Representatives of the People of this Province, can give no favourable Sentiments of the Probity of the People you represent.

Your continued grasping at Power, with an evident Tendency to the Weakening of the Dependency of this Province on Great-Britain, accompanied with such notorious and publick Disrespect to the Character of your Governor, and Contempt of the King's Authority intrusted with him, cannot be longer hid from your Superiors, but must come under their Observation, and is of most dangerous Example to your Neighbours.

As I know that great Numbers of the Inhabitants of this Province, disapprove of the present Conduct of you their Representatives, I cannot at this Time, do more for the Benefit of all, than by putting it in their Power to declare their Sentiments, that they may, if they please, vindicate their Loyalty to their Prince, and Love of the Country, on which they depend, and which protects them.

Therefore I think it for the Reputation and Interest of this Province, as well as for his Majesty's Service, that the General Assembly of this Province be DISSOLVED; and you are DISSOLVED accordingly.

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in the City of New York
the 25th day of November 1747.

TWENTY-FIFTH ASSEMBLY FIRST SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *Begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York, *on* Friday, *the* 12*th day of* February, 1747.

His Excellency the Honble George Clinton Captain General & Govern^r^ in Chief of the said Province having been pleased to Dissolve the late General Assembly on the 25 day of November last and afterwards to order Writts to be Issued for Electing Representatives, to serve in General Assembly returnable this day

The Council met accordingly

PRESENT — *The Honble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency having been pleased to send a Message to the Council requiring their attendance at the Council Chamber in Fort George, The Council adjourned and went thither accordingly.

Where being met his Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message to the General Assembly Requiring the attendance of the Members who were Qualified.

And the said Members attending accordingly His Excellency was pleased to direct them to return to the Assembly Chamber and choose a Speaker and present him for his approbation at half an hour after three of the clock in the afternoon

The Council then returned to the Council Chamber in the City Hall

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the 12th *day of February,* 1747. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council adjourned and went to the Council Chamber in the Fort

Where being met His Excellency came to the Council Chamber and the Members of the General Assembly who were qualified attended and presented David Jones Esqr for their Speaker to His Excellency for his approbation

Which choice his Excellency was pleased to approve of

Then the said David Jones, Esqr the Speaker after a short apology for himself desired his Excellency in behalf of the House That their Words and Actions might constantly have a favourable construction That the members might from time to time have free access to His Excellency and that they and their servants might be priviledged and protected as usual; which His Excellency was pleased to grant.

His Excellency then made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly

The Council then returned to the Council Chamber in the City Hall

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Saturday, the 13th *day of February*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Speaker reported that the Council & the General Assembly had attended his Excellency yesterday in the afternoon at the Council Chamber in the Fort, and that his Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, of which his Excellency had given him a copy which he delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be now read

Then the same was Read and

Ordered to be Entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The publick Affairs of the Province have made it necessary for me to call you together at this Time; otherwise I should have delayed your Meeting to a Season of the Year, that must have been more convenient for you.

The Agreement made in this City, the 28th of September last, by the Commissioners of this Province, of Massachusetts-Bay and Connecticut, upon Measures for carrying on the War against the common Enemy, and for the mutual Defence and Security of his Majesty's British Colonies on the Continent of North-America, received the Approbation of the last General Assembly of this Province; the Government of Conecticut has signified their approbation of the same; and since the dissolution of the last Assembly, I received the Approbation of the Government of the Massachusetts-Bay, with some Alterations to the said Agreement. Copies of these Approbations and Alterations shall be laid before you.

Since the Government of the Massachusetts-Bay, have refused their Approbation of the 11th Article of that Agreement, I am of Opinion, that the Service which was expected from that Article, ought to be supplied by some other Method; which I think, cannot be otherwise done, than by a numerous Partys of Indians to be employed, for the Service which was intended by that Article.

The carrying this Agreement into Execution, tends so evidently to the Benefit and Security of all the British Colonies in North-America, that I think it needless to use any Arguments with you, to contribute every Thing incumbent on you to carry it on; and however chargeable it may be at this Time, yet when it is considered, that a great Part of the annual and heavy Expence, which this Province must bear for the Defence of the Frontiers only, may thereby be saved for the future, I persuade myself the People of this Province will chearfully submit to any Expence which shall be necessary for such beneficial Consequences.

The Advantage which all the Colonies, but more especially this, may receive from the Friendship and hearty Assistance of the Six United Indian Nations, and the Mischiefs which may come from a contrary Disposition, and their acting in favour of our Enemies, are notorious; therefore, it will deserve our most serious Attention, to consider how far their Disposition at this time may be affected by the Disappointments they have met with from the intended Expedition against Canada being laid aside, from the disbanding the Forces which were at Albany; and by the Influence which the French Emissaries may gain thereby over them, by infusing into their minds our want of Strength or Courage: This may occasion unexpected Difficulties in the Conduct of Indian Affairs, even in preserving their Friendship, but much more in engaging them heartily and generally in any new Enterprize; I must therefore demand your Assistance, to enable me to pursue every Method which may be necessary to engage the Six Nations of Indians, and their Allies, to join heartily with us in the Execution of the Agreement now laid before you; for without the Assistance of numerous Parties of the Indians, we may have much Reason to doubt of the Success of what is proposed; whereas, with such Assistance, we have the greatest Reason to expect it.

No Act has passed for the Payment of the Salaries of his Majesty's Officers of the Government, since the Act which expired the first of September last; I must therefore recommend to you, to provide for these Appointments, in as ample a Manner as has been heretofore done; as also for Expresses, and other contingent Charges and Services, which necessarily arise in Time of War.

I have appointed by Advice of Council Mr. Aaron Stevens, Interpreter to the Indians, in Behalf of this Province, from the Death of Mr. Bleeker, their late Interpreter; and as he has done signal Services among those Nations, and contributes considerably to keep them steadfast

in the British Interest, I cannot doubt of your granting him an ample Allowance as Interpreter, from that Time.

No Provision has been lately made for the Pay and victualling of Oswego Garrison; and Col. Johnson tells me, he cannot continue supplying that Garrison any longer with Provisions, without an Extra Allowance of Two Hundred Pounds, per Annum, during the War, as the transporting the same is attended with great Difficulty, Hazard and Expence; and as the publick is considerably in arrear to him, I expect you will immediately provide for that Charge, with what Expence he has been at of sending the Provisions and Reliefs thither, over and above the Contract. I conceive it absolutely necessary, that Provision should be made for the Expence of a Smith, to reside during the Summer Season at Oswego, for the Use of the Indians that come to the Trading House, there being assured by Col. Johnson, it will give a general Satisfaction to all, but more particularly to the far Nations.

The Fort at Albany wants many Repairs, which I recommend to you; as also a Supply of Ammunition for the several Forts in the County.

As several Expences have incurred for Rewards to the Indians, for Scalps; for the Maintenance of their Prisoners; for transporting the new Levies to Albany; for victualling some of them in the Mohawk's Country; for removing the Cannon from Saraghtoga, to Albany; and for Expresses; And as Col. Johnson has advanced Money to the Smiths, and other Persons sent among the six Nations of Indians, of all which Disbursements, proper Accounts shall be laid before you, I must recommend the Payment of them as just and necessary Debts on this Government; as likewise the Payment of the Rent to the first of May next, of the House wherein I resided till the House in the Fort was put in a proper Condition to receive my Family. I must likewise recommend the compleating of the House in the Fort; the building of Stables, and making such other Conveniencies as are necessary and proper for my Accommodation.

The Companies for which the last Assembly made Provision, to be raised for his Majesty's Service, are almost compleat; but as no Provision was made for a commanding Officer at that Time, I cannot avoid desiring you to make such a reasonable Provision for one now, as will fully answer the Trouble, Care, and Expence, attending that Command.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I depend upon you to grant Supplies for all the Services which I have laid before you, and particularly for what may be requisite to preserve the Friendship of the Six United Nations of Indians, and to engage them heartily in any Enterprize against the common Enemy, which shall be judged proper to undertake in Conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

There being nothing more desirable at all Times than Peace and Unity, I persuade myself you will enter upon the Affairs I have now recommended to you, with all Manner of Harmony and prudent dispatch; because the other Colonies who are united with us in the before mentioned agreement, wait your Resolutions; and the Example which you may give on this Occasion, will give Life and Dispatch to all concerned, where it appears necessary for the General Benefit of all the British Colonies in North-America.

You will always find me ready to concur in any Measure, that shall be proposed to me, for his Majesty's Service and the Interest of the Province.

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in the City of New York
Febry 1747.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey moved that an Humble Address be presented to his Excellency "to thank him for his Speech, and for the readiness he expresses therein to concur in any "measure that shall be proposed to him for his Majesty's service, and the Interest of the "Province. To assure his Excellency that the Council are fully sensible of the advantages "which all the British Colonies on this Northern Continent may receive from the Friendship "and hearty assistance of the Six United Indian Nations, and the mischiefs which a contrary "Disposition may produce. That the Council will endeavour to cultivate Peace and Unity, and "promote every step that has a tendency to his Majesty's service and the welfare of this "Province."

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Chief Justice De Lancey, Mr Murray & Mr Rutherford be a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address and that they lay the same before the Council on Monday nex .

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The Council adjourned til Monday next @ 11 o clock in the morning

Monday, the 15th *February*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Mr Chief Justice De Lancey from the Committee appointed to draw up the Address to His Excellency presented to the Council a draft of the said Address
Ordered, that the same be now read
Then the said Address was read and approved of and
Ordered to be Ingrossed
The Council adjd til 4 o'clock P. M.

Monday the 15th *day of February*, 1747, P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and approved of and
Ordered to be signed by the Speaker; and the Speaker having signed the same
Ordered, that the Honble Philip Livingston & Joseph Murray, Esqrs do wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Councils Address
The said Gentlemen withdrew and being returned Reported that they had attended his Excellency with the above Message and that he was pleased to appoint to morrow morning eleven of the clock
The Council adjourned till 11 o clock to morrow morning

Tuesday the 16th *February*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Council adjd to wait on his Excellency with their Address and being returned
The Speaker resumed the Chair and Reported that having attended his Excellency with the Council's Address, he was pleased to return a favourable answer thereto which he reported in his place
Ordered, that the said Address & answer be entered in the minutes which are as follow

To His Excellency The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America, Vice Admiral of the same, and Vice Admiral of the Red Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

The Humble ADDRESS of his Majesty's Council for the Province of New York.

May it please your Excellency,

We His Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Members of his Majesty's Council for the Province of New York, return your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech, and for the readiness you Express therein, to concur in any measure that shall be proposed to you for his Majesty's service and the Interest of the Province

We are fully sensible of the advantage which all the British Colonies on this Northern Continent, as well as this in particular, may receive from the Friendship and hearty assistance of the Six United Indian Nations, and the mischiefs which a contrary Disposition may produce; and as these as your Excellency observes are notorious, it is therefore evidently the Interest of all these Colonies, to join together in concerting such prudent measures as may most effectually secure the Friendship and dependence of the Indians, and thereby prevent the evil Effects which would unavoidably follow, from the French Emissaries gaining any Influence over them.

We agree with your Excellency that Peace and Unity are always desirable, and we do assure your Excellency, we shall Endeavour to cultivate them. And your Excellency may depend that our known Loyalty to his most sacred Majesty's Person and Government, and the Regard we have for this Country will always excite us to promote every step that has a tendency to His Majesty's service, and the welfare of the Country we live in.

By order of the Council
PHILIP LIVINGSTON Speaker

Council Chamber City of New York
15th of February 1747.

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen:

I thank you for the assurances you have given me in your Address. No Endeavours shall be wanting on my part to promote His Majesty's Service, the Preservation & Friendship of the Indians, and the Peace and Welfare of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province: and I persuade my self, youll take the most prudent measures to cultivate those Ends.

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in the City of New York
February 15th 1747.

Ordered that the said address and answer be forthwith printed
Then the Council adjourned till Friday next a 11 clock in the morning

Friday 19th *February*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till Wednesday morning 11 o clock

Wednesday the 24th *day of February*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned til Friday morning 11 o clock

Friday the 26th *day of February*, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till Wednesday morning 11 o clock

Wednesday the 2d day of March, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Collonel Glen & Mr Miller, with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act for the Establishing a Military Watch for the City "and County of Albany, with some addition thereto," desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Collonel Beekman and Mr Ten Eyck, with a Bill Entituled "An Act for Enabling the Inhabitants of the Township of Schenatady to erect and "build two new Blockhouses in the said Town for the better Defence thereof" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Lott, with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to provide able Pilots, and to establish their "Pilotage between Sandy hook and the Port of New York" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said three Bills be now read

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading

Then the Council adjourned til Saturday morning 11 o clock

Saturday the 5th day of March, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and

Adjourned till Monday 11 o clock A. M.

Monday the 7th day of March, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

Adjourned til to morrow 11 o clock A. M.

Tuesday the 8th day of March, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll & Mr Verplank with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of £1800 by a publick Lottery for a further provision towards "founding a Colledge for the advancement of Learning within this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act for Establishing "a Military Watch for the City and County of Albany with some addition thereto"

Entituled, "An Act for Enabling the Inhabitants of the Township of Schenectady to Erect & Build Two New Block Houses in the said Town for the better defence thereof." And

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to Provide able Pilots and to Establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York" be now Read the second time

Then the said three Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday the 9th day of March, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP COURTLAND,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of one thousand Eight hundred Pounds by a Publick Lottery for a further Provission for founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council resolved themselves into a committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, "An Act to Revive An Act Entituled, An Act for the Establishing a Military Watch for the City and County of Albany with some addition thereto"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for Enabling the Inhabitants of the Township of Schenectady to Erect and Build two new Block Houses in the said Town for the better defence thereof" And

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to Provide able Pilots and to Establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York"

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said three Bills and being ready to make their report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made imediately

Then the Honble John Moore Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported That the Committee had gone through the said three Bills and had directed him to Report them without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said three Bills be read the third time

Then the Council adjourned till Friday morning 11 o clock

Friday, the 11th day of March, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Thomas with a Bill entituled, "An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the Council adjourned till Wednesday morning 11 o clock

Wednesday the 16th *day of March,* 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till to morrow 11 o clock A. M.

Thursday, the 17th *day of March,* 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till to morrow 11 o clock A. M.

Friday, the 18th *day of March,* 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clarkson and Coll: Glen with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners to take examine and state the Publick Accounts of the Colony of New York from the year one thousand seven hundred and thirteen" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richards and Coll: Beekman with a Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll: Beekman and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to make provision for several services for the Defence and Security of the Frontiers and other purposes therein mentioned" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Saturday the 19th *day of March,* 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hon*ble PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony,"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners to take. Examine & State the Publick Accounts of the Colony of New York from the year one thousand seven hundred and thirteen"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to make provision for several services for the defence and security of the Frontiers and other purposes therein mentioned" be now Read the first time.

Then the said four Bills were read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act for the Establishing a Military Watch for the City and County of Albany with some addition thereto"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for Enabling the Inhabitants of the Township of Schenectady to Erect and Build two new Block Houses in the said Town for the better defence thereof" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to Provide able Pilots and to Establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York" be now read the third time.

Then the said three Bills were read the third time and

On the question being put

Resolved, that the said three Bills do pass

Ordered that the Honble John Moore Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any amendment

The Council resolved it self into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of one thousand eight hundred pounds by a Publick Lottery for a further provision towards founding a College for the Advancement of Learning within this Colony"

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their report thereon

The Speaker Resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made imediately

Then the Honble John Moore Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read the third time

Then the Council adjourned til Tuesday morning 10 o clock

Tuesday, the 22^d day of March, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that "The Bill Entituled, An Act for the more effectual Cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners to take Examine & State the Public Accounts of the Colony of New York from the year one thousand seven hundred and thirteen"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to make provission for several services for the Defence and Security of the Frontiers, & other purposes therein mentioned" be now Read the second time

Then the said four Bills were Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

Then the Council adjourned till Thursday 10 o clock A M

Thursday, the 24th day of March, 1747.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Miller with a Bill Entituled, "An Act for fixing the places of Election of Representatives in Orange and Suffolk Counties"; desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Friday, the 25th *day of March,* 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for fixing the places of Election of Representatives in Orange & Suffolk Counties, be now Read

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered. a Second Reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of one thousand eight hundred pounds by a publick Lottery for a further provission towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony" be now Read the third time

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honble John Moore Esqr do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners to take Examine & state the Publick Accounts of the Colony of New York, from the year one thousand seven hundred and thirteen"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to make Provision for several services for the Defence and Security of the Frontiers and other Purposes therein mentioned"

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said four Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon.

The Speaker Resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made Imediately

Then the Honble John Moore Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said four Bills and directed him to Report the same without any Amendment

Which Report on the Question being put, it was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said four Bills be Read the third time

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Gale with a Bill Entituled, "An Act to fix and ascertain the Places from whence the Milage fees of the respective Sheriffs of the Counties of Westchester and Orange shall be computed" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now Read

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, the 29th *day of March,* 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment, and

Adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, the 30th *day of March*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for appointing Commissioners to take examine & state the Publick Accounts of the Colony of New York from the year one thousand seven hundred and thirteen"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to make Provision for several services for the Defence and Security of the Frontiers and other purposes therein mentioned" be now Read the third time

Then the said four Bills were read the third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said four Bills do pass

Then the Honble James De Lancey Esqr came into the Council and took his seat

Ordered, that the Honble James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said four Bills without amendment

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to fix and ascertain the Places from whence the milage fees of the respective Sheriffs of the Counties of Westchester and Orange shall be computed" And

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for fixing the places of Election of Representatives in Orange and Suffolk counties," be now Read the second time

Then the said Bills were Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said two Bills

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon,

The Speaker Resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made imediately

Then the Honble John Moore Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills and directed him to report the same without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said two Bills be Read the third time

Then the Council adjourned till Friday next 11 o'clock A. M.

Friday, the 1st *day of April*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment, and
Adjourned till Tuesday next 11 o clock. A. M.

Tuesday, the 5th *day of April*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Wednesday, the 6th day of April, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for fixing the places of Election of Representatives in Orange and Suffolk Counties" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to fix and ascertain the places from whence the Milage fees of the respective Sheriffs of the Counties of West Chester and Orange shall be computed," be now Read the third time

Then the said two Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said two Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Honble John Moore Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bills without any amendment

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard & Mr Verplank with a Bill Entituled, "An Act for the payment of the Salaries, Services and contingencies therein mentioned until the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight and for making further Provision for the Pay and Subsistance of the Forces posted on the Northern Frontiers of this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now Read

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered, a second Reading

Then the Council adjourned till 4 o clock P. M.

Wednesday, the 6th day of April, 1748. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the payment of the Salaries, Services & Contingencies therein mentioned untill the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and forty eight and for making further Provission for the Pay and Subsistance of the Forces posted on the Northern Frontiers of this Colony" be now Read a second time

Then the said Bill was Read the second time and

Ordered, to be committed

Then the Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker Resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made Imediately

Then the Honble James Delancey Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read the third time

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Thursday, the 7th Day of April, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the payment of the Salaries, Services and Contingencies therein mentioned untill the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and forty eight and for making further Provission for the Pay and Subsistance of the Forces posted on the Northern Frontiers of this Colony," be now Read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honble John Moore Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment

Then the Council adjourned to Saturday 11 o clock A M.

Saturday, the 8th day of April, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DELANCEY,
PHILIP COURTLANDT,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFORD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from his Excellency the Governour by the Deputy Secretary requiring the attendance of the Council at the Council Chamber in the Fort

The Council adjourned and went thither accordingly

Where being met His Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House with their Speaker

And the General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the eleven following Bills to witt

An Act to revive An Act Entitled, An Act for Establishing a Military Watch for the City and County of Albany with some addition thereto

An Act for Enabling the Inhabitants of the Township of Schenectady to erect and build two new Block Houses in the said Town for the better defence thereof

An Act to revive An Act Entitled, An Act to provide able Pilots and to establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York

An Act for raising the sum of one thousand eight hundred pounds by a publick Lottery for a further provision towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony.

An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony

An Act for appointing Commissioners to take, examine and state the publick Accounts of the Colony of New York from the year one thousand seven hundred and thirteen

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons

An Act to make Provision for several services for the Defence and Security of the Frontiers, and other purposes therein mentioned

An Act for fixing the places of Election of Representatives in Orange and Suffolk Counties

An Act to fix and ascertain the places from whence the milage fees of the respective Sheriffs of the Counties of West Chester and Orange shall be computed. And

An Act for the payment of the salaries services and contingencies therein mentioned until the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and forty eight, and for making further Provision for the Pay and subsistence of the Forces posted on the Northern Frontiers of this Colony

After which the said Acts were published and his Excellency directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House until Monday the second day of May next

The Council returned to the Council Chamber

PRESENT as before

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency having been pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House until Monday the second day of May next The Council thereupon adjourned to the same day

Monday, the second day of May, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The General Assembly being adjourned to Monday the twenty-third day of May Instant

The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Monday, the twenty-third day of May, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
PHILIP CORTLANDT,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The General Assembly having adjourned to Monday the sixth day of June next

The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Monday, the Sixth day of June, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE.

The Speaker assumed the Chair and

Adjourned the Council til to Morrow Morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, the Seventh day of June, 1748.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly being adjourned to Tuesday the twenty first day of June Instant
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Tuesday, the twenty first day of June, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Council adjourned til Friday next at 11 o clock in the morning

Friday, the 24th day of June, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Council adjourned til Tuesday next at 11 o'clock in the morning

Tuesday, the 28th day of June, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Deputy Secretary laid before the Council by his Excellency's directions a Copy of a Message from his Excellency the Governour to the General Assembly Which being read was *Ordered*, to be Entered in the Minutes & is as follows

Gentlemen,

In my Speech on the 12th of February last, I recommended to you, to make Provision for several Services that had incurred, or were necessary to be done at the publick Expence; but as the Season of the Year did not then permit you to provide for them, I shall order the Particulars thereof to be again laid before you, and recommend them to your Consideration, not doubting but they will have their due Weight in your Deliberations.

Since your Recess, I have taken all the Precautions in my Power, at his Majesty's Expence, to preserve the Affections of the Six Nations of Indians, in the British Interest, by sending

Col. Johnson among them; and he has succeeded so well, that he has prevented their going to Canada, until I can have an Interview with them; and although they have declared themselves fully attached to our Service, yet it appears to me by the Treaty which that Gentleman has had with them, (which I have ordered to be laid before you, with an Extract from his Letter) that there is the greatest Danger of a total Defection of those Tribes to the French Interest, unless we can give them Proof of the Sincerity of our Professions, by speedily and resolutely joining with them in prosecuting some Enterprize against the Enemy; therefore I hope you will readily unite with the Governments of Massachusets-Bay, and Connecticut, in executing the Agreement entered into with them; as the Advancement of the King's Service, the Safety of the Province, and the well-being of the Inhabitants greatly depend thereon; and you may be assured of all the Assistance in my Power, in Conjunction with Governour Shirley, to encourage the Indians to do their Parts for the Reduction of Crown-Point, or to carry on some other Acts of Hostility against the Enemy; and I refer you to a Message of the General Court of the Massachusets-Bay to Governour Shirley on this Occasion; a Copy of which I have ordered to be laid before you.

I have invited the Six Nations of Indians, and their Allies, to meet me at Albany, the Beginning of next Month, in order to partake of the Presents his Majesty has been graciously pleased to send them; but I am informed it will tend to little Purpose to give those Presents, unless an Act is passed before that Time, forbidding all Persons whatsoever, to buy or exchange, any Arms, Ammunition, Clothing, &c. from any Indian of the Six Nations, or their Allies, or to sell them any Rum, or other spirituous Liquors, under certain Penalties, without a Licence from me, or the Commander in Chief for the Time being; and I recommend it to you to prepare an Act for that Purpose before I go.

Capt. Armstrong, his Majesty's Engineer for this Province, has delivered me his Report, touching the present State and Condition of the Fortifications of this City; and as several Reparations and Buildings, are immediately wanting for the Security of the City, I must recommend it to you to take the same into your serious Consideration, and provide amply for the Works he has advised to be done, agreeable to his Report herewith delivered to you.

I have ordered to be laid before you Copies of two Letters, with some Affidavits, which I received from the President and Council of the Province of Pennsylvania, representing the Danger our Trade is exposed to, from several Privateers infesting our Coast, and as the Protection of Trade is of the utmost Consequence to this Province, I cannot doubt of your falling upon some Expedient for the Preservation of it, from the Attempts of the Enemy.

I have ordered an Extract from a Letter of the Governour of Canada, to Governour Shirley, to be laid before you, wherein he complains of there being no Cartel, or Rules setled for the Exchange of Prisoners, between this Government and Canada; and you may see from that Extract, what may be the Consequence, in case something is not done for that End. I must therefore recommend to you, to provide for the necessary Expence which must attend the Maintenance and Exchange of Prisoners, and redeeming from Captivity such of the Inhabitants of this Province, and Indians belonging to the Six Nations, as have had the Misfortune to fall into the Hands of the Enemy in Canada; but especially for the Redemption of those who are in the Custody of the French Indians, and which must be attended with greater Expence than what usually attends the Exchange or Ransom of Prisoners in other Cases, as they are a barbarous Enemy. I must also recommend to you, to provide for the usual Rewards given by this Province for Scalps and Prisoners taken from the Enemy.

On the 18th of February last, I appointed William Johnson, Esq; Colonel of the Levies, raised for his Majesty's Service in Defence of this Province, and Annoyance of the Enemy; and being satisfied that this Gentlemen has taken particular Pains in regulating the Disposition of those Troops to the best Advantage, for the Defence and Security of the Country, I expect you'll make him a suitable Allowance for the Care and Expence that must attend that Command; and as the Enemy make frequent Attempts upon the Inhabitants in the Frontiers, I must recommend to you, to continue the Troops posted there in the Pay of the Province, till we can find a better Remedy for their Protection.

I have recieved a Letter from the Governour of Connecticut, informing me that a Number of his Majesty's Subjects in that Government, are willing to enter into the Pay of this Colony, to go as Out-Scouts against the Enemy, upon a certain Encouragement contained in his Letter, to which I refer you.

Gentlemen,

The Affairs which I have recommended to you demand Dispatch, and I persuade myself it will appear by your Proceedings and Resolutions, that you have that just and hearty Concern for the common Interest of your Country, which its Importance requires.

G. CLINTON.

Fort-George, in the City of New-York,
21st of June, 1748.

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll° Glen & Coll Lott with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent buying from or exchanging with any of the Six Nations of Indians or from any other Indians in alliance with them any arms ammunition Clothing or any other Present they may receive by his Majesty's orders:" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now Read

Then the said Bill was Read the first time &

Ordered a second Read^g

The Speaker laid before the Council the following Papers vizt

A copy of An Act of the Governour Council & General Assembly of the Province of New Jersey Entituled, "An Act for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition and Division betwixt the Province of New Jersey and the Province of New York"

A copy of a writing or Letter dated the 25th Instant from Robert Hunter Morris, Elisha Parker and James Alexander Esq^rs to his Excellency the Governour of this Province

And a Letter from the same Gentlemen of the 25th Instant directed to the Speaker of the Council desiring him to communicate the same with the two papers above-mention'd to his Majesty's Council ffor the Province of New York

Which Papers, the Speaker acquainted the Council, were delivered to him by the said Robert Hunter Morris and Elisha Parker who at the same time did shew unto him an Exemplification of the Act above-mentioned under the Great Seal of New Jersey and a Commission under the same seal appointing them together with James Alexander Esqr Commissioners on the part of the Province of New Jersey for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition and Division between the Provinces of New York and New Jersey

Ordered that the said Papers be filed

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, the 29th day of June, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent buying from or exchanging with any of the Six Nations of Indians or from any other Indians in alliance with them any arms, ammunition clothing or any other Present they may receive by his Majesty's orders," be now Read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill

The Committee having duely weighed & considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono. James De Lancey Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time

Then the Council adjourned til 6 o cl Post Meridiem

Wednesday, the 29th day of June, 1748. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, That the Bill Entituled "An Act to prevent buying from or Exchanging with any of Six Nations of Indians or from any other Indians in alliance with them any Arms, Ammunition Clothing or any other Present they may receive by his Majesty's Orders," be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass
Ordered, that the Hono^ble James De Lancey, Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o'clock

Thursday, the 30th *day of June*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Friday, the 1st *day of July*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
A Message from the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary requiring the attendance of the Council at the Council Chamber in the Fort
The Council adjourned and went thither accordingly.
Where being met His Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House with their Speaker
And the General Assembly attending accordingly His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bill vizt

"An Act to prevent buying from or Exchanging with any of the Six Nations of Indians or from any other Indians in alliance with them any Arms Ammunition Clothing or any other Present they may receive by his Majesty's order"

After which the said Act was published in the usual manner and his Excellency directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House to Tuesday the Ninth day of August next
Then the Council adjourned to the Council Chamber in the City Hall
The Speaker resumed the chair
His Excellency the Governour having been pleased to desire the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn that House to Tuesday the Ninth day of August next
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day.

Tuesday, the 9th *day of August*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the chair
The General Assembly being adjourned till Tunsday the 30 Instant
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Tuesday, August the 30th, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILLIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker.
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN MOORE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

TWENTY-FIFTH ASSEMBLY SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday, the 20th *day of September*, 1748.

His Excellency the Governour having been pleased on the thirtieth day of August last to adjourn the General Assembly by Proclamation unto this day
The Council met accordingly

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN MOORE,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The General Assembly being adjourned until Wednesday the twelfth day of October next
The Council therefore adjourned to the same day

Wednesday, the 12th *day of October*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN MOORE,
EDWD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair and adjourned till Fryday Morning 11 o clock

Fryday, the 14 *day of October*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency having sent to the Council requiring their immediate attendance at the Council Chamber in Fort George

The Council adjourned their accordingly

The Council being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair — and reported that his Excellency had made a speech to the Council and General Assembly and delivered to him a Copy thereof which he laid before the Board

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be Read

Then the same was Read and

Ordered to be Entered in the Minutes and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

I Congratulate you on the near Prospect there is of so great Peace, which we have Reason to hope is on a solid and lasting Foundation, since it is to be made with the Consent of all the Powers engaged in the War: But as we have no Accounts that the Peace is finally concluded, we ought to take the necessary Precautions for the Security of the Province on all Events; and more is necessary in this Province than in other Parts of his Majesty's Dominions distant from Canada. If any among the French in Canada should not be well disposed towards us, they may even in case of a Peace, privately set the Indians to do mischief; and I think therefore, that the Troops in the Pay of this Province, and remaining in the County of Albany, ought to be continued some Time longer, till the Inclinations of the French in Canada, and of their Indians, be known, and we have Reason to think that the Inhabitants on the Frontiers are in Safety. We have the more Reason to be on our Guard, since I cannot agree to the Terms offered for a mutual release of Prisoners on the Part of the Governour of Canada by the Officer sent by him to me, consistently with that regard which I have for the Security and safe Return of his Majesty's Subjects of this Province who have the Misfortune to be Prisoners in Canada.

I have given Orders that some Persons be sent from Albany, to propose more equitable Terms to the Governor of Canada, for the mutual restoring of Prisoners, than those which have been proposed to me on his Part.

And you may be assured, that nothing shall be wanting on my Part, to procure a safe and speedy Return of all the British Subjects Prisoners in Canada, that is in my power to do.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

As this is the Session in which you propose to provide for the Services of the current Year, I think it proper to observe to you, that in the Time of Governors Hunter, Burnet, Montgomery, and Cosby, the Establishment for the Payment of the Governors, Secretaries, judges, and other Officers Salaries, were made at the Entrance of each of those Gentlemen, upon his Administration, for the Term of five Years, by an Act entituled, An Act for the Support of his Majesty's Government within this Province; but that upon my coming to the Administration in the Year 1743, instead of making the usual Establishment for the Payment of those Salaries, the Assembly passed an Act, entituled, An Act for the Payment of the Salaries, Services, and Contingencies therein mentioned, until the first of September, 1744, and have continued this Method of granting the Salaries for supporting the Governor, and other Officers of the Government, from Year to Year, ever since.

The Inclination, Gentlemen, with which I came to the Administration of his Majesty's Government in this Province, to do every Thing for the Ease and Satisfaction of the People, which was consistent with my Duty to the King, as his Governor, and the Confidence I placed in the Advice then given me, that the Method proposed by that Act, for making Provision for the Payment of Salaries to the several Officers of his Majesty's Government, would not be attended with any Inconveniences, induced me to give my Assent to the Act; and the Rupture with France, which ensued before the Time of Year came round again for providing for the Payment of Salaries, and which has continued till the late Ratification of the preliminary Articles, for a general Pacification at Aix La Chappelle, has prevented me from refusing my Assent to the Acts passed in the three subsequent Years, for the same Purpose, being unwilling to move any Point which might interfere with the Assembly's Attention to other important

Affairs of his Majesty's Service, and the General Interest of this, and his other Colonies in North-America, depending before them, during the Course of the War.

But now that the Conclusion of the War, and the Experience I have had of the Tendency of these new Acts in many points, to weaken his Majesty's Government in this Province, have made it my indispensable duty to take the first Opportunity of putting a Stop to these Innovations. I must acquaint you, that I do not think myself at Liberty to give my Assent to the like Acts for the future, and therefore I earnestly recommend it to you, to make the same Provision for the Payment of Salaries that former Assemblies did, during the Administrations of my four immediate Predecessors, Chief Governors of this Province; and I hope, the same Spirit of Loyalty to his Majesty's Government, which animated those Assemblies, will induce you likewise to comply with what I propose.

Gentlemen,

I am not seeking any personal Advantage for myself, or the other Officers of his Majesty's Government, by an Augmentation of any Salary, in what I now recommend to you; and if you think it more agreeable to the Rights of the People, that the Sums to be paid for every Officers Salary, should be expressed in the Act, instead of having it entrusted with the Governor and Council, as was the usual method before, I shall not oppose it in the least.

You must be sensible, Gentlemen, that I am not offering to you any Innovation in the Method of Providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government, established by former Assemblies, but only endeavouring to put an End to those lately introduced, and to put his Majesty's Government in this Respect, on the same Foot it stood upon in the Time of my Predecessors, Chief Governors of this Province, immediately before I came to the Administration, which I conceive to be my Duty to do, and necessary for his Majesty's Service that it should be done.

It would be too prolix for me, to enter here into a particular Detail of the Inconveniences, which attend the new Method of providing for the Support of his Majesty's Government; but, shall observe only, some of the principal Objections I have to it, viz. That the Establishment for my own Salary, and Allowance, and the other Salaries and Services usually provided for, in former Acts of Assembly, are now made from Year to Year, instead of the Term of five Years. That many new Grants, and Matters of a different Nature are intermixed in those Grants, and tacked to the Grants for my own Support, and of the other Salaries, and Payments, which were usually joined with that, and that these Acts are passed the last of the several Sessions; and that the Grants made to the Chief Justice and other Justices of the Supreme Court, and some other Officers are made to them personally, by Name, not to the Officers for the Time being; which I mention, Gentlemen, in hopes that you will avoid doing the same in your Grants to be passed this Session.

Colonel Johnson, informs me, that he has not been paid a Debt of Two Thousand, One Hundred and Thirty Eight Pounds, due to him by this Province, and which was allowed and ordered to be paid him by an Act passed last Session, entituled, An Act to make Provision for several Services for the Defence and Security of the Frontiers, and other Purposes therein mentioned; and that the Reason given by the Treasurer, why he did not pay that Sum, is, that the Fund out of which this Money is to be paid, is surcharged, Sixteen Hundred Pounds; the Honour of this Government is engaged, that a Debt so just, and so long due, be speedily paid; the Hardships this Gentleman is under, by being kept out of so large a Sum, and for so long a Time, made him unwilling to undertake the supplying of the Garrison at Oswego, as became necessary at the Time the Relief was last sent thither; but I prevailed upon him, to do it, upon my repeated Instances, from the Danger that Garrison would otherwise be in, by the Want of necessary Supplies: I am persuaded, that I need only mention those two Debts, in order to your granting Money sufficient for the Discharge of them, and his other Demands, which I shall order to be laid before you.

I must, likewise recommend to you, to make Provision for paying the Arrears due to the Troops paid by this Colony, and for continuing so many of them, as are at this Time on the Frontiers, and for such time as shall be necessary for the Security of the Frontiers; as likewise for the Expence, which has arisen, or shall arise, by sending and receiving Messengers, or otherwise, for the Exchange of Prisoners, and for compleating and finishing the Governor's House and Stables; I shall direct that proper Accounts and Estimates be laid before you for these Purposes.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

I shall do every Thing in my Power, which may contribute to the Safety and Prosperity of this Province, with your Assistance; and I shall (after I receive certain Intelligence of the Event of the Treaty of Peace) lay before you, what I shall then think necessary for the Good of the People under my Care.

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in the City of New York
the 14th day of October 1748.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Then the Hono^ble^ Archibald Kennedy Esqr moved that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency to return his Excellency thanks for his Speech

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented accordingly

Ordered, that the Hono^ble^ Archibald Kennedy, James De Lancey and John Moore Esq^rs^ be a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address

Then the Council adjourned till Munday Morning 11 o clock

Monday, the 17th *day of October*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment and

Adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, the 18th *day of October*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble^* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE,
EDWARD HOLLAND.

The Hono^ble^ Archibald Kennedy Esqr from the Committee appointed to draw up the Address to his Excellency presented to the Council a Draft of the said address

Which was Read and approved of and

Ordered to be Engrossed

Then the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

Tuesday, the 18th *day of October*, 1748. P. M.

The council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble^* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE,
EDWARD HOLLAND.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency was Read and

Ordered to be signed by the Speaker

Ordered, that the Hono^ble^ Archibald Kennedy and Edward Holland Esq^rs^ do wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Council's Address.

Who then withdrew and being returned reported that they had attended his Excellency with the above Message and that he was pleased to appoint to morrow morning 11 o clock

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, the 19th *day of October*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqrs, Speaker

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE,
EDWARD HOLLAND.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Speaker and the Council went to his Excellency to present their address and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and Reported that having attended his Excellency with their Address He was pleased to return a favourable answer thereto which he repeated in his place

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes Which are as follow

To His Excellency the Honourable GEORGE CLINTON, Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America, Vice Admiral of the same, and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

The Humble ADDRESS of his Majesty's Council for the Province of New York.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and Loyal Subjects the members of his Majesty's Council for the province of New York beg leave to return your Excellency our thanks for your congratulating us on the near prospect of a general peace which we do not doubt but will be on a solid and lasting foundation since it is to be made with the consent of all the powers engaged in the war.

We likewise return your Excellency our thanks for the regard you express in your Excellency's Speech for the Security and Safe return of his Majesty's Subjects of this Province who have the Misfortune to be prisoners in Canada and we hope that those who are iutrusted by your Excellency at Albany to send some persons from thence to propose more Equitable terms to the Governour of Canada for the mutual restoring of prisoners than those which have been proposed on his part will be carefull to answer your Excellency's good intentions by sending such persons as are qualified for such a purpose

Your Excellency may be assured from our Loyalty to his Majesty and affection for this country you shall not want the assistance of his Majestys Council to enable you to do every thing which may contribute to the safety and prosperity of this Province

By order of the Council
CADWALLADER COLDEN Speaker

Council Chamber in the City of New York
18th October, 1748.

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen:

I thank you for this Address and the Assurance you give me of your assistance in every thing which may contribute to the safety and prosperity of the Province

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in the City of New York
19th October, 1748.

Ordered that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the 20th *day of October*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Cruger with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act for raising the sum of Eighteen hundred pounds by a Public Lottery for a further provision towards founding a Colledge for the advancement of Learning within this Colony with an addition thereto," desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Michaux and Mr Haasbrook with the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for and towards supporting the Governmt of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned from the first day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty to the first day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty one," desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said two Bills be now read

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

Then the Council adjourned till Monday 10 o clock

Monday, the 24th *day of October*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE,
EDWARD HOLLAND.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act for raising the Sum of Eighteen hundred pounds by a publick Lottery for a further provision towards founding a Colledge for the advancement of Learning within this Colony with an addition thereto" and

The Bill Entituled, An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned from the first day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty to the first day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty one, be now Read the second time.

Then the said two Bills were Read the Second time and

Ordered, to be committed

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, the 25th *day of October*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN MOORE,
EDWARD HOLLAND.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act for raising the sum of Eighteen hundred pounds by

a publick Lottery for a further provision towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony with an addition thereto" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act for and towards the supporting the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the Duties therein mentioned from the first day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty to the first day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty one

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said two Bills and being ready to make their report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Hono^ble James De Lancey Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the said Committee had gone through the said two Bills and had directed him to report the same without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read the third time

Then the said two Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said two Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Honourable John Moore Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment

Then the Council adjourned till 4 o clock P M

Tuesday, the 25th *day of October*, 1748. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN MOORE,
EDWARD HOLLAND.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Glen with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying of the Forces on the Northern Frontiers" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered, a second Reading

Then the Council adjourned till 11 o clock to morrow morning

Wednesday, the 26th *day of October*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN MOORE,
EDWARD HOLLAND.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, An Act for the Payment of the Forces on the Northern Frontiers, be now read the Second time

Then the said Bill was Read the Second time and

Ordered to be committed

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the 27th *day of October*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Glen and Mr Lott with the Bill Entituled, An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to support the Garrison and Trading House at Oswego with some additions thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now Read

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, " An " Act for the payment of the Forces on the Northern Frontiers "

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said Bill and being ready to make their report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Then the Honourable Edward Holland Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read the third time

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honoble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Fryday, the 28th *day of October*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN MOORE,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, " An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to " support the Garrison and trading House at Oswego " be now Read the second time

Then the said Bill was Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Abraham Lott with the Bill Entituled, " An Act to Let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of November next to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and forty nine " desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now Read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second Reading

A Message from his Excellency the Governour by the Deputy Secretary requiring the attendance of the Council at the Council Chamber in Fort George

The Council adjourned and went thither accordingly

Where being met his Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House with their Speaker

And the General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent in the presence of the Council and General Assembly to the three following Bills viz[t]

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act for raising the sum of Eighteen hundred Pounds by a publick Lottery for a further Provision towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony with an addition thereto

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony by granting to his Majesty the duties therein mentioned from the first day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty to the first day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty one" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the payment of the Forces on the Northern Frontiers"

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner

Then the Council returned to the Council Chamber in the City Hall

PRESENT as before

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Council then adjourned till Tuesday morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, the first day of November, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment and

Adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, the 2[d] *day of Nov*[r], 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*[ble] ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq[r], Speaker,
JOHN MOORE,
JOHN RUTHERFURD, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by M[r] Haasbrook and M[r] Gale with the Bill Entituled, An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to Encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Countys of Ulster Dutchess and Orange passed in the Sixteenth year of his Majesty's Reign with an addition thereto, desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered, a second Reading

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the 4th (sic) *day of November*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournm[t] and

Adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock

Fryday, the 4th day of November, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Honoble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, An Act to Let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of November next to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty nine and

The Bill Entituled, An Act to Continue An Act Entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster, Dutchess and Orange passed in the sixteenth year of his Majesty's Reign with an addition thereto, be now Read the second time

Then the said two Bills were Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

Then the Council adjourned till Monday morning 11 o clock

Monday, the 7th day of November, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournmt and

Adjourned till Wednesday morning 11 o clock

Wednesday, the 9th of day November, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
ARCHIBD KENNEDY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the Assembly by Colo Beekman and Col Lot with the Bill Entituled, An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for Regulating the Militia of this Colony with further additions thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Micheaux with the Bill Entituled, An Act to explain part of An Act Entituled. An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessells and for the time therein mentioned, desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said two Bills be now Read

Then the said two Bills were Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to support the Garrison and Trading House at Oswego with some additions thereto,

The Bill Entituled, An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of November next to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty nine and

An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster Dutchess and Orange passed in the sixteenth year of his Majesty's Reign with an addition thereto

The Committee having duly weighed and considered of the said three Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then the Honoble Philip Livingston Esqr Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said three Bills and had directed him to Report them without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and
Ordered, that the said three Bills be read the third time
Then the said three Bills were Read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said three Bills do pass
Ordered, that the Hono^ble Philip Livingston Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment
Then the Council adjourned till Friday morning 11 o clock

Friday, the 11th *day of Novembe*^r, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Act Entituled, An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of this Colony with further additions thereto. And
The Bill Entituled, An Act to explain part of An Act Entituled, An Act to Lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessells and for the time therein mentioned, be now Read the second time
Then the said two Bills were Read the second time and
Ordered to be committed
A Message from the General Assembly with the Bill Entituled, An Act for the more effectual Collecting the Taxes laid by the several Acts therein mentioned together with the arrears thereof; desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said Bill be now Read
Then the said Bill was Read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Saturday, the 12th *day of November*, 1748.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* PHILIP LIVINGSTON, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more effectual collecting the Taxes laid by the several Acts therein mentioned together with the Arrears thereof," be now Read the second time
Then the said Bill was Read the second time and
Ordered to be committed
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Snedekar with the Bill Entituled, An Act for defraying several contingent Charges of this Colony and other Charges therein mentioned, desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Captain Livingston with the Bill Entituled "An Act for the payment of the Salarys Services and Contingences therein mentioned until the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and forty nine, desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
A Message from the General Assembly by Col^o Beekman and Col^o Glen with the Bill Entituled, An Act for naturalizing Hendrich Vanden Ham, Adrian Houtvat, Haeman Levy, Louis Du Bois, James Harpain, Elias Bonnain, Isaac Van Haeren, Casper Englebert Kemannan, Jacob Stinebranner, John Vle, Godfrey Miller, John Smith, Jacob Metger, Charles Shults, Hendrick Snyder and John Frederick Neithe desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said three Bills be now Read
Then the said three Bills were Read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading

A Message from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the Council at the Council Chamber in the Fort

The Council adjourned and went thither accordingly

Where being met his Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring ye immediate attendance of that House with their Speaker

And the General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to support the Garrison and Trading House at Oswego with some additions thereto"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors Retailed in this Colony from the first day of November next to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty nine" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster Dutchess and Orange passed in the sixteenth year of his Majesty's Reign with an addition thereto

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner and then his Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly by a Speech in the words following

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I think it now a proper Time, to make some Remarks on your printed Resolves of the 26th of last Month, wherein you charge me with a Breach of my solemn Promise, and with a Violation of your Rights and Privileges, by refusing to receive an Address from your House.

It cannot be doubted, but that there is a certain Respect to be observed by you, towards your Governour, in all Intercourse between him and you; and that it is his Duty to preserve the Dignity of the King's Authority, so far as he is entrusted with it: The Governour must judge for himself, when he thinks that just Respect is neglected; and therefore, as you first broke in upon the undoubted Rules of Decency, by that Address which you intended to make, you are only to bear the Blame, if any Inconveniences or Prejudices ensue, from your Disrespect to your Governor.

You claim the same Privileges with the House of Commons of Great-Britain. The Speaker of the House of Commons, after having been approved of by the King, desires, *that as often as Necessity for his Majesty's Service and the Good of the Common Wealth shall require, he may, by Direction from the House of Commons, have access to his royal Person.* It is not that the Speaker shall have Access whenever he pleases, but only when his Majesty's Service and the Good of the Common Wealth shall require. The Privilege of Access I never denyed you; but then I have a Right to judge as well as you, whether the Access you desire, be for his Majesty's Service and the Good of the Common Wealth, and that it be made with due Respect, otherways you claim a Superiority over me, inconsistent with the Constitution of this Government.

In whatsoever your Governour and you differ, there is a legal Method for Redress. In my Message to you, I told you, that I would do you the Justice, to send a Copy of that Paper, which you call an Address, to his Majesty's Ministers; which is sending it to the proper Tribunal for Redress, if I have done you any Injury, by my refusing to receive it. But you seem to decline this legal Method; and by your publishing that Paper, under the Name of an Address, in your Votes, and afterwards in a publick News Paper, published by the Printer of your Votes, you seem to place the dernier Resort in all Disputes between your Governor and you, in the Populace. How his Majesty may take this, or how a Parliament of Great-Britain, may take your claiming, not only the Privileges of Parliament, but Privileges far beyond what any House of Commons ever claimed, deserves your most serious Consideration. You seem herein to forget your dependency. I therefore think that I cannot, at this Time, more effectually show the Concern I have for the People of this Province, than by giving you Time cooly to consult with your Constituents on the Consequences your Proceedings may have; and that you may do this at a Time, when you are freed from that Influence which now too evidently prevails among you.

In most of the Bills prepared for my Assent, you continue so visibly to assume to yourselves, the executive Powers of Government, that nothing could excuse my giving my Assent to them, but the Necessity of the Service for which you grant the Money, without which those Services could not be performed. And as I have reason to think, that you persist in your Obstinacy, in assuming almost the whole Powers of Government, it becomes necessary for me to put an End to the present Session.

I therefore think it for his Majesty's Service, that the General Assembly be prorogued, to the second Tuesday in March next; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to the second Tuesday in March next, then to meet here.

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in the City of New York
the 12th day of November 1748.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXVI., 64.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued until *Tuesday* the *fourteenth* day of *March* next, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to Prorogue the said General Assembly and I do by Virtue of the Power and Authority unto me granted by his Majesty hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly until *Tuesday* the *Eleventh* day of *April* next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty eighth* day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty eight and in the twenty second year of his Majesty's Reign

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw. Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXVI., 69.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON, Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon Depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued until Tuesday the *Ninth* day of *May* next, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to Prorogue the said General Assembly And I do by virtue of the Power and Authority unto me granted by his Majesty hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly until *Tuesday* the *Thirtieth* day of *May* next ensuing of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty nine and in the twenty second year of his Majesty's Reign

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw. Banyar, *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXVI., 73.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province (L. S.) of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued until *Tuesday* the *thirtieth* day of *May* instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service further to Prorogue the said General Assembly And I do by virtue of the Power and Authority unto me granted by his Majesty hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly until *Tuesday* the *twenty seventh* day of *June* next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the nineteenth day of *May* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty nine and in the twenty second year of his Majesty's Reign

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar, *D Secry*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-FIFTH ASSEMBLY THIRD SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *Begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York, *on* Tuesday *the twenty seventh day of* June, Anno Dom., 1749, *and in the twenty third year of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Second *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain, France *and* Ireland, King, Defender *of the* Faith, *&c*.

His Excellency the Hono^ble George Clinton Captain General and Governour in Chief of the said Province having been pleased to prorogue the said General Assembly at Sundry times from the 12th day of November last until this day,

The Council met accordingly

Present—*The Hono^ble* Cadwallader Colden, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Joseph Murray,
John Rutherfurd,
Edward Holland.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Council adjourned til to morrow morn^g 11 o cl.

Wednesday, the 28th *day of June*, 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency having been pleased to require the attendance of the Council at the Council Chamber at Fort George The Council adjourned and went thither accordingly

Where being met His Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House and the House attending accordingly His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and to deliver one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly

The Council then proceeded to the Council Chamber in the City Hall Where being met

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Reported that his Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly a Copy whereof he delivered in at the Table

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be now Read

Then the same was read and

Ordered to be entered in the minutes and is as follows :

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

I congratulate you upon the Re-establishment of Peace, by which the Province is freed from the Calamities of War, to which the Frontiers of it were exposed from a barbarous and cruel Enemy: I am not now to incite you to the Prosecution of War, which when most successful, is attended with Effects no Ways desireable, but to the Arts of Peace, for the future Security and Prosperity of the People of this Province; and I assure you, Gentlemen, that I will chearfully join with you, in every Thing which shall be necessary for the Legislature to do for this Purpose.

But, Gentlemen of the Assembly, it can be of little Service to make Laws, if they with whom the executive Powers of Government are intrusted, be disabled from putting them in Execution; and therefore, I must, (previously to every thing which may be proper to be recommended to you at this Time) demand, that you grant his Majesty a Revenue for the Support of his Government in this Province, in a Manner conformable to the Directions of his Majesty's Commission to me, by the Authority of which you sit and act, and of the Instructions which I have received for that purpose, and to make Provision for the Payment of the Debts justly due for Services done, and for the contingent Services of the ensuing Year, in Manner likewise conformable to the Directions of his Majesty's Commission and Instructions to me. In making this Demand, I ask nothing new, or that any new Taxes or Impositions be laid on his Majesty's Subjects in this Province, or what is not perfectly consonant to the English Constitution, and conformable to the Practice of Parliament. There are Laws of this Province now in force, granting to his Majesty Fonds for the Support of his Government; there is Money in the Treasury for this Purpose; and yet though the Moneys arising from these Fonds, are granted to his Majesty, he cannot (as these Laws now stand) make use of one Farthing of it, for the Purposes for which it was granted. This is such an inconsistency in itself, so contrary to our happy Constitution, and so prejudicial to his Majesty's Service, that it must be remedied; and therefore, I must demand of you, Gentlemen of the Assembly, to give me an Answer, in direct and positive terms, previously to your going on any other Business, Whether you will grant his Majesty a Revenue for support of his Government conformable to his Commission and Instruction to me, the Copies of which I now deliver to you; and may you in your Answer, make manifest your Duty to your King, your Love of the English Constitution, and your sincere Regard to the Welfare of the People you represent.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

As soon as I shall have received the Assembly's Answer, I shall lay before you, what I think further necessary for his Majesty's Service.

I am sensible, that the approaching Harvest may make this Time of your meeting inconvenient to some of you; but I could not think it proper to meet you til I knew the Sentiments of his Majesty's Ministers, in Respect to the Assembly's refusing to grant the Support of Government, in the Manner I ask'd it last Fall. And now the pressing Hardships that many of the People of this Province are under, from their not being paid large Sums of Money of a long Time justly

due to them ; but more especially, the Sufferings of the Prisoners still detained in Canada, and for whose Relief, I cannot do what may be proper, till you provide for the Expence which must attend this Service, makes your meeting at this Time necessary ; and I hope, the Sufferings and Hardships so many of your fellow Subjects are under, will be of more Weight with you, than any Inconvenience some of you may be under, by your being taken from attending the Harvest in the Country.

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in the City of New York, the 28 day of June 1749

The Speaker further Reported that his Excellency had delivered to him Extracts of part of his Majesty's Letters Patent and Instructions to his Excellency Which he delivered in at the Table where the same were Read

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed

Then the Hono^ble John Rutherfurd Esqr moved that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency to return him Thanks for his Speech

Which Motion [being] seconded and agreed to by the Council

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented accord^gly

Ordered, that Mr Murray, Mr Rutherfurd and Mr Holland be a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address and that they lay the same before the Council to morrow morning

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morn^g 11 o cl

Thursday, the 29th *day of June*, 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JAMES MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Mr Rutherfurd Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare the draft of an humble Address to his Excellency presented the same to the Council

Ordered, that the same be read

Then the same was read and

On the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the Address be Engrossed

Ordered, on motion of the Hono. John Rutherfurd Esqr that the Treasurer of this province do on or before Tuesday the 11th day of July next lay before the Council an Account of all moneys received by him by virtue of any Acts or Acts of the Legislature of this province from the time his Excellency the Hono^ble George Clinton entered upon the Administration of this Government And of all payments since made by him specifying by what Act or Acts the sums were received, to whom by name the several payments were made and by what Order Warrant or Authority to this day And that the Accounts be made out in such a manner that the Ballance remaining in his Hand upon each Fund granted may appear as also a state of the publick Debts and Funds at the time his said Excellency entered upon the Administration of this Government And that the Deputy Clerk of the Council do forthwith serve the Treasurer with a Copy of this Order

The Council adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o cl

Friday, 30th *day of June*, 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and approved of and
Ordered to be signed by the Speaker
And the Speaker having signed the same
Ordered, that Mr Kennedy and Mr Holland do wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Council's Address
Then the said Gentlemen withdrew and being returned Reported that they had attended his Excellency with the above Message and he was pleased to say he would receive the Address immediately
The Council adjourned to wait on his Excellency with their Address and being returned
The Speaker resumed the Chair and Reported
That the Council having waited on his Excellency and presented their Address His Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto Which he laid before the Council: And the same being read
Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow

To His Excellency the Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governor in Chief of the province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

The Humble ADDRESS of the Members of his Majesty's Council for the province of New York

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Members of the Council for the Province of New York return our humble thanks to your Excellency for your Speech wherein you express your readiness to join in every thing which shall be necessary for the Legislature to do for the future security and prosperity of the people of this Province

We heartily rejoice with your Excellency upon the Reestablishment of peace and in the hopes of the Advantages all his Majesty's Subjects particularly of this province will reap thereby

' Tis with the greatest pleasure and gratitude we observe your Excellency's concern for the sufferings of our prisoners and Hardships of the Publick Creditors and the same Zeal for the good of this province that you have always hitherto shewn during your mild Administration thro' all the difficulties lately attending it And we beg leave to assure your Excellency of our utmost Zeal in support thereof.

By order of the Council
CADWALLADER COLDEN Speaker

Council Chamber in the City of New York
the 30th June 1749.

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen:

I thank you for this kind Address; It will give me the greatest pleasure to be enabled to shew my concern for the future Security and Prosperity of this province by Acts more than words: I make no doubt of your Zeal to assist me for these purposes, by your advice and every other means in your Power, and I rely on it

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in the City of New York
30th June 1749.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed
Then the Council adjourned [to] the 4th day of July next at 11 o cl in the morning

Tuesday, the 4th *day of July,* 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Council adjourned to Thursday next at 11 o clock in the morning

Thursday, the 6th *day of July,* 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned until Tuesday next at 11 o clock in the morning

Tuesday the 11th *day of July,* 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned to Thursday next at 11 o clock in the morng

Thursday, the 13th *day of July,* 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned to Tuesday next at 11 o clock in the morning

Tuesday, the 18th *day of July,* 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned to Thursday next at 11 o clock in the morng

Thursday, the 20th *day of July,* 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned to Tuesday next at 11 o clock in the morng

Tuesday the 25th *day of July,* 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourn'd to Thursday next at 11 o clock in the morng

Thursday, the 27th *day of July,* 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned to Tuesday next at 11 o clock in the morng

Tuesday, the 1st day of August, 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned to Friday next at 11 o clock in the morning

Friday, the 4th day of August, 1749.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Council met according to adjournment

His Excellency having been pleased to require the attendance of the Council at the Council Chamber in Fort George.

The Council went thither accordingly

Where being met His Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House And the House attending accordingly His Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly until Tuesday the twelfth day of September next by a speech in the words following.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I am truly sorry, that this Session of the General Assembly must end, without producing any one Thing for the Benefit of the People you represent.

I was in hopes of having an Opportunity of shewing by Acts, more than by Words, my sincere Intentions for the Welfare of the People under my Care; but you have made it too evidently appear, that you met together, not to proceed on Business, but to prevent every Thing that might be proposed for removing the Differences, which have, most unhappily for this Province, subsisted between the Branches of the Legislature.

You have not so much as introduced one Bill for this Purpose, or for the Benefit of the People you represent: Though you pride yourselves on some Occasions in following the Precedents in Parliament, I think, you cannot shew one Session of Parliament, in which not one Bill was read; yet this is the Case of this present Session; and this makes it evident, that you met together with a View, not to heal past, but to create new Differences; not to serve your Country, but private Piques and Resentments.

It cannot be said, that I proposed any Thing to you which it was not my Duty to do; in Return to this, you in the following Words, with a Sneer, renew past Cavils at my Administration, and which had been long since answered, vizt

"We assure your Excellency, that we sincerely wish the breaking open the Storehouses at Albany; the Letters wrote to the Judge, Clerk and Sheriff, of Dutchess County, requiring them to put a Stop to Proceedings in Cases of private Property; the Attempts made to restrain the Liberty of the Press, and other Things of like Kind, could be buried in perpetual Oblivion."

Since you think it proper to renew these Charges, it is necessary for me to repeat the Purport of the Answers formerly given to them. The Case of breaking open the Storehouses at Albany, was as follows, viz.

After any Attempt on Canada, was thought impracticable in that Season of the Year, I resolved to march the Troops that had rendezvous'd at Albany, to the Great Carrying-Place, by which every Thing must pass in going to Canada; and there, under the Cover of these Troops, to erect some kind of Fortification, capable of containing five hundred Men. Such Kind of Fortification would be necessary for Security of the Stores, &c. in their Transportation, in Case the intended Enterprize against Canada, should in the Spring have been renewed; and in doing it then, while the Troops were idle, would have saved Time. As this is a Pass, by which the Enemy make their Incursions on our Frontiers, the Enemy's Parties could not escape being discovered, and intercepted by such a Number of Men, either in their going towards, or returning from the Frontiers; and it was thought nothing else could be of so much Benefit for that Purpose.

When this was resolved on, I desired Mr. Colden, to ask the Assembly's Commissioners for Provisions, whether they would take Care of Provisions, in the March of these Troops to the Carrying-Place, and whilst there? Mr. Colden, acquainted the Commissioners with my Design, and told them, as the Assembly had entrusted them with the Care of the Provisions, I was

desirous that they should take Care of them; but that if they refused, I should be under a Necessity to appoint some other for that Service: They objected that the Assembly had not provided for the Transportation. Mr. Colden, in Answer to this, said, that as the Assembly had undertaken to find the Troops levied in this Province with Provisions, they certainly intended to pay the Transportation, being an inseperable Incident to that Service: But when the Commissioners would not trust to the Assembly for this Expence, Mr. Colden, from me, told them, that I would engage to pay the Charge of Transportation, in Case the Assembly refused to pay it; and on this they agreed to take Care of the Provisions as was desired; and I left the Place, expecting they would do so. Mr. Colden informed me, that he made use of no other Words with the Commissioners, or any Kind of threatning, but as in Substance as above related.

Before I left the Place, as it was doubted whether a sufficient Number of Carriages and Carpenters, or other Tradesmen could be obtained, without impressing; I issued a Press Warrant in the same Words which had been agreed in a full Council in New-York, before I went to Albany. It was several Days after I had left Albany, and when the Forces were all ready for their March, the Waggons, &c. in the Streets, when the Commissioners refused to deliver out any Provisions to be carried with them: Thereupon the Officers held a Council of War, and there resolved to make use of my general Warrant for impressing, to take the Provisions by Force; and at the same time Time, offered to give Receipts for what was taken. It has not been so much as pretended, that any of the Provision was imbezzled by that Act, or converted to any other Use than that for which they were intended. By the Stopping of the Provisions, this Service, so useful, for the Security of the Province, became impracticable; and this, among many others, evidently shews the Inconveniences and Absurdities, which must continually attend the Assemblies assuming to themselves, the executive Powers of Government.

The Occasion of writing the Letters mentioned, was this: After the Forces levied for the Expedition against Canada, were disbanded, some Deserters sued their Captain for their Pay; and as it was suspected, that a Country Jury might not have the due Regard to the martial Law and Mutiny Act, in such Cases; I was perswaded to write those Letters: The Proceedings at Law were not thereby stopped, and no Man suffered any Injury in his Property thereby; I acknowledged my Error in doing it, and offered Redress, as appears by your Minutes of the 27th of June, 1748; and how becoming it is in you to renew this Complaint, after what I had formerly done, you yourselves, in cooler Reflections, may think.

As to what you call an Attempt to restrain the Liberty of the Press; I did nothing but what was my Duty, in endeavouring to prevent the Publication of a Libel against the Government. The Printer receives a yearly Salary from the Government; and notwithstanding of this, he not only continues to print Injurious Reflections and Falshoods against the Administration of Government in this Province, but likewise Lampoons and Sarcasms, on the Administration of Government in Great-Britain, and that on Matters of the highest Nature. In the Bill for contingent Services, you gave this Printer a Gratuity, over and above his Salary, to encourage him for those his extra Services.

As to the other Things of the like Kind, which you add to these particular Charges, no Man, who observes your present and past Disposition of Mind, can believe, that if I had made any Slips on which you could have laid hold, that you would have concealed them; but have published them with all the Aggravations that could have been contrived to blacken my Character: And after all that you can say, I still have the Pleasure in my own Breast, to think, that no Man in this Province can say, that I injured him either in his Liberty, Property or Reputation; and that no Governor ever had, or can have, a greater Inclination to do every Thing in his Power, for the Welfare of the People of this Province.

Whether your Actions be a Proof of the Regard you have to the Preservation of publick Credit, and to the Prosperity and Security of the People you represent; I shall leave with your selves to reflect on.

You have made use of the Sense I have, of Justice due to the publick Creditors, and the Compassion I have for them, under the Difficulties some of them labour, by having large Sums detained from them, of a long Time due; as a Temptation to draw me from my Duty; and I hope they are sensible that it is not my Fault that they have no Relief.

Your refusing to grant the necessary Supplies for obtaining the Liberty of your fellow Subjects, Prisoners in Canada, could proceed only from the same Design. I have kept you together near a Fortnight after you had broke off all Intercourse between your Governor and you, in hopes that your Compassion for your distressed Brethren in Canada, and the Safety of the People of this Province, by preserving the Fidelity of the Indians, would at last prevail with you to give the necessary Supplies for that Purpose: Whatever Motive prevailed at last with you, to provide in some Sort for this Service, yet rather than recede from that unparallel'd Resolve, of having no further Intercourse with your Governor, you broke through all the established Rules and Orders of Government, in giving Money for it.

However you may be blamed for this extraordinary Conduct at this Time, I hope the Necessity of the Service, and your Obstinacy, will excuse me.

I come now to a Paragraph in your Address (as you call it) of the 14th of last Month, which is highly injurious to the Form of Government established in this Province, to the King and

his Ministry, and to all his Majesty's Governors in the Plantations; the Purport of which, is to make the People believe, that a Sort of Beggars are sent over Governors of his Majesty's Colonies, with a View that they may enrich themselves, and that the Powers and Instructions given by the King, to his Governors, are calculated to that Purpose; and that this is the Reason why you refuse to yield Obedience to them. Can any Thing appear more daringly undutiful, or be more injurious, than this Insinuation?

I shall answer it, by considering what Facts have happened in this Province, to support so heavy a Charge. If I had drawn any the least Sum of Money out of the Treasury, for any other Purpose than that for which it was granted, no doubt it would have been exposed in the most glaring Light; and as nothing of this Kind is alledged, I stand innocent: I have likewise, carefully examined the Minutes of Council and Assembly on this Head for thirty Years past, and I cannot find that any Governor, has at any Time been charged with having drawn any publick Money for his own Use, either directly or indirectly, other than what the Grantors designed he should draw for that Purpose; and I am perswaded no Instance can be given. I offered my Consent to any Clause in the Money Bills which has no other Tendency than to prevent Misapplication of the Money granted; surely then this egregious Slander on his Majesty's Government and Governors, must be for some other Purposes, than preventing of Imbezelment of the publick Money; and it must be for some other Purpose, that you treat the Person of your present Governor with the Insolence you do; such as can no where be parallel'd, but where there was a formed Design to overturn the Government.

You have refused to grant Money for the necessary Services, pursuant to the Powers of his Majesty's Commission, by which only you are impowered to sit and act as the General Assembly of this Province: You must then think, that you can levy Money on his Majesty's Subjects by some other Authority, different from that which the King has given.

You claim the sole Power of issuing ye publick Money, which is in effect taking the executive Powers of Government into your own hands.

You appropriate the Salaries not to the Office, but to the Officer by Name, with a View to deprive his Majesty of his Right to the Nomination to Offices.

You have in a Manner, for which I am perswaded no Precedent can be given, put a Stop to all publick Business, and any Intercourse between his Majesty's Governour and Assembly: Matters are now brought to an Issue, and must be left to the Judgment of our Superiors.

Gentlemen,

I believe, that you yourselves, and all without Doors, who are acquainted with your publick Proceedings, expect a Dissolution of the present Assembly: But as the Matters in Dispute are now brought to an Issue, and by a Dissolution it may be said, that I disable you from making a proper Defence, if you should after this, be called to answer for what has been done; I am unwilling to be thought to take any such Advantage: But as you have already continued twelve Days (since your Resolution to go on no Business) without entring upon any, and your Constituents are thereby put to an useless Expence, a Prorogation is become necessary; and the General Assembly of this Province is accordingly prorogued to the twelfth Day of September, then to meet here.

G. CLINTON.

Fort-George, in the City of New-York,
Aug 4, 1749.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVI., 99.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereto depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued until *Thursday* the *thirtieth* day of *November* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to Prorogue the said General Assembly: And I do by virtue of the Power and Authority unto me granted

by his Majesty, hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly until *Tuesday* the *ninth* day of *January* next of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein, are required to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty nine and in the *twenty third* year of his Majesty's Reign

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Secry*

God save the KING.

[N Y. Col. MSS., LXXVI., 105.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued until the *Ninth* day of *January* Instant I have thought fit for his Majestys service further to Prorogue the said General Assembly And I do by virtue of the Power and Authority unto me granted by his Majesty hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly unto *Tuesday* the *twentieth* day of *March* next Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixth* day of *January* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty nine and in the *twenty third* year of his Majesty's Reign

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Secry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVI., 118.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued until the *twelfth* day of this Instant *June* I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to Prorogue the said General Assembly; and I do by virtue of the Power and Authority unto me granted by his

Majesty hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly unto *Tuesday* the *twenty fourth* day of *July* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *ninth* day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty and in the *twenty third* year of his Majesty's Reign.

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS, LXXVI., 123.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America*, Vice Admiral of the same, and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued until the Twenty-fourth Day of this Instant *July* :

I have thought fit for his Majesty's service; and I do, by virtue of the Power and Authority unto me granted by his Majesty, DISSOLVE the said General Assembly, and they are DISSOLVED accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms, at Fort George, *in the City of* New York, *the* Twenty-first Day *of* July, *in the year of our Lord,* One Thousand Seven Hundred *and* Fifty, *and in the* Twenty fourth *year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord* George *the Second, by the Grace of* God, *of* Great Britain, France *and* Ireland, King, *Defender of the Faith*, &c

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR, *Dep. Sécry*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-SIXTH ASSEMBLY FIRST SESSION

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the fourth day of* September 1750 *in the twenty fourth year of the* Reign *of* King George *the* Second.

His Excellency the Hono^ble^ George Clinton Captain General and Governour in Chief of the said Province having Prorogued the late General Assembly at sundry times from the 12th day of September 1749 to the 24th day of July 1750 was pleased to Dissolve them by Proclamation bearing date the twenty first day of July last and afterwards to order Writts to be issued for electing Representatives to serve in General Assembly. And the said Writts being returnable on his Day

The Council met accordingly

PRESENT — *The Honble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency having required the Attendance of the Council at the Council Chamber in Fort George, The Speaker left the Chair and the Council went thither accordingly

Where being met His Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message requiring the immediate attendance of the Members of the General Assembly who were qualified.

The said Members attending accordingly

His Excellency was pleased to direct them to return to the Assembly Chamber and choose a Speaker and Present him for his Approbation immediately.

And the said Members of the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber presented David Jones Esqr for their Speaker to His Excellency for his Approbation.

Which choice his Excellency was pleased to approve of.

Then the said David Jones Esqr after a short apology for himself, desired his Excellency, in behalf of the House, That their words and actions, might constantly have a favourable construction. That the Members might from time to time have free Access to his Excellency and That they and their Servants might be priviledged & protected as usual Which his Excellency was pleased to Grant

His Excellency then made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly

The Council returned to the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Then the Council adjourned til 3 o'clock P^t^ Merid^m^.

Tuesday, the 4th day of September, 1750, *P^t^. Mer:*

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble^* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Speaker Reported that the Council and General Assembly had attended his Excellency this Morning at the Council Chamber in the Fort And that his Excell^y^ had been pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly of which his Excellency had given him a Copy which he delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be now Read
Then the same was Read and
Ordered to be entered in the minutes and is as follows, vizt

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

One great Inducement for my calling you together at this Time is, to give you an Opportunity of making a proper and seasonable Provision for that important Garrison at Oswego, which has been supported by Advance on the Publick Credit: But as none are willing to advance longer on that Credit, it becomes necessary that this Expence be immediately provided for; not only to pay what is already due to the Person who has supplied that Garrison for some time past, but likewise for its future support The Mischiefs which must happen by withdrawing that Garrison, are too obvious to need mentioning, and unless the necessary Supplies be granted, they cannot be avoided.

The present State, and the Security of the Frontiers for the Future, likewise deserve your serious Attention. This can be done properly in Time of Peace only: 'Tis too late to think of it, when we are threatened with, or in actual War; it may then become impracticable. The necessary Expence becomes so heavy on the People in Time of War, that it ought (as much as possible) to be lessened, by a previous Care, in what is in your Power to do in Time of Peace.

It has (I am informed) been usual for the Governors of this Province, to meet the Indian Nations depending on this Government, after the Conclusion of a Peace: As no Provision has been made for the necessary Expence attending this Service, it has not been in my Power to perform it. I am affraid this may have a bad Effect on the Minds of the Indians, at this Time, when the French of Canada, (according to the Informations I have received) are indefatigable in infusing Prejudices into them, to our Disadvantage. I am likewise informed, that the French have incited several of the Indian Nations, depending on and in alliance with the English Colonies, to make War on each other. This requires a speedy Remedy, as these Intrigues of the French are not only destructive of the extensive and beneficial Commerce the English have with numerous Indian Nations, but may likewise render the safety of the Colonies precarious hereafter. I cannot doubt of your using all the Means in your Power, for preserving and enlarging the British Commerce, among the Indians, and for securing their Fidelity; and that you will enable me to pursue the measures necessary for that End.

The Government of this Province has been now two Years without any Support: This not only requires your Care, in Regard to what is due to the Officers of Government for their past Services, and the contingent Charges which have already occurred, but likewise for the future Support of the Government: In doing this, no better rule can be followed than that which is given in the Commission to the Governors of this Province, (which is the Foundation of the Legislative Authority in it) and the royal Instructions which accompany those Commissions; Copies of which, so far as relates to the Support of Government, and the Manner of raising and issuing of the publick Money, are on your Registers: On this Occasion I must remark, that the Commission and Instructions on these Matters, have remained the same ever since the happy Revolution: They were formed by the great Ministers who distinguished themselves at that Time, by their knowledge of, and Zeal for the English Constitution, and Liberty of the People; they have been reviewed from time to time, and confirmed by the Judgment of succeeding Ministers, who have no less distinguished themselves by their strictly adhering to the Constitution, and by their Love to the Country: They therefore, as well as the Authority with which they are enforced, deserve your strictest Regard.

I hope I need not with many Words, recommend the Observance of that Instruction which forbids Matters of a different Nature to be included in the same Bill: This is done not only to preserve the Freedom of Judgment in the several Branches of the Legislature from any Constraint, but likewise to preserve the King's Right, in confirming or repealing the Laws passed in this Province, and which must seem to be designedly invaded, when Matters necessary for his Service, are tacked to others which he may think prejudicial: On this Head I must observe, that it is not usual in Parliament to make Provision for any services which have not been previously recommended, and that the mixing Services which have been thus allowed, with those that are not, may be thought an Attempt to bar the Right which the King has, of judging of the Merits of his Servants, and their Services.

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I must demand of you the necessary Supplies for the Services which I have recommended to your Consideration, and particularly to make Provision for the Garrison of Oswego; the Support of Government, and the Payment of the publick Debts, which have for some Time been so justly due, particularly Colonel Johnson's, who so generously advanced for the publick Service: Accounts of which shall be laid before you. You have now a fair Opportunity of demonstrating your Loyalty to your King, and your Attachment to the Interest and Welfare of your Country.

Gentlemen of the Council and Assembly,

I chuse to shew my Inclinations to do every Thing in my Power, for the Peace and Prosperity of the People of this Province, by my Actions rather than by Words; by a chearful Concurrence with you in every Thing that may be for his Majesty's Service, and the Good of his People. I earnestly recommend to you, to think of what means may best encourage the Agriculture and Trade of the Province, or such Manufactures as may be the most useful to your Mother Country. You may learn from the Act for the encouragement of the Importation of Iron into Great Britain, from the Colonies, passed in the last Session of Parliament, and from the Act for the encouraging of the Whale Fishery, and the manufacturing of Indigo; that you may expect all proper Encouragement for such Purposes.

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in the City of New York
September 4th 1750.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Then Mr Holland moved that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency upon the Subject matter of his Speech.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy, Mr Rutherfurd and Mr Holland be a Committee to prepare the Draft of said Address and that they lay the same before the Council on Thursday next

Ordered, on motion of the Honoble John Rutherfurd Esqr That the Treasurer of this Province do on or before Thursday the twentieth day of September Instant, lay before the Council, an Account of all moneys received by him, by virtue of any Act or Acts of the Legislature of this Province, from the time his Excelly the Honoble George Clinton entered upon the Administration of this Government, and of all Payments since made by him, specifying by what Act or Acts the same were received, to whom by name the several payments were made, and by what Order, Warrant or Authority, to this Day And that the Account be made out in such a manner that the Ballance remaining in his Hand upon each Fund granted may appear: As also a state of the public Debts and Fonds at the time, his said Excellency entered upon the Administration of this Government: And that the Deputy Clerk of the Council do forthwith serve the Treasurer with a Copy of this Order

The Council adjourned til Thursday morning 11 o clock

Thursday, the sixth day of September, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Holland from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Excellency presented the same to the Council Which was Read and

On the Question being put, agreed to and approved of.

Ordered that the Address be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and

Ordered to be signed by the Speaker

And the Speaker having signed the same,

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy and Mr Holland do wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Council's Address

Then the said Gentlemen withdrew and being Returned Reported that they had attended his Excellency with the above Message And that his Excellency was pleased to appoint immediately

Then the Speaker left the Chair and with the Council went to present their Address to his Excellency and being Returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and Reported that having attended his Excellency and presented to him the Council Address His Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable answer thereto. And the same being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow vizt:

To His Excellency the Hono^ble GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet

The humble ADDRESS of the Members of his Majesty's Council for the Province of New York

May it please your Excellency

We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Members of the Council for the Province of New York, return our humble Thanks to your Excellency, for your Speech.

We are extremely sensible how nearly it concerns this Government, to support the Garrison at Oswego, both on Account of the Trade carried on there, and the means it is of securing the Fidelity and Friendship of the Six Nations, and other Indians: And your Excellency may rely on our utmost endeavours, to promote the necessary measures for its support: And for restoring the Publick Credit, on which the Honour, Welfare and Safety of the Province so much depend.

We agree in your Excellency's Sentiments, that the Securing our Frontiers, must be effected with greater ease to the People in time of Peace, than in War; and therefore think it justly merits our immediate attention.

It has been usual for the Governors of this Province, to meet the Indians after the conclusion of a Peace; which we conceive to be the more necessary at this Juncture; as it may have a tendency to defeat the Intrigues of the French, who are ever indefatigable in Prejudicing them against the English.

We assure your Excellency, of our Readiness to concur in any proper Measures for the support of this his Majesty's Government, and for Payment of the Publick Debts; and in doing this, as your Excellency well observes, no better Rule can be followed, than that which is given by his Majesty's Commission and Instructions: from which we know of no Deviations, but have been attended with bad consequences

We return your Excellency our Thanks, for the Readiness you express to do every thing that may be for his Majesty's Service, and the good of his People; and assure your Excellency nothing shall be wanting on our Part to Promote so desireable purposes.

By order of the Council
CADWALLADER COLDEN Speaker

Council Chamber City of New York
6th September 1750

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this Address; I shall have a due regard to your Advice; and I trust to your Assistance in the Matters which I recommended to you; and in every thing which may be for his Majesty's Service, and the good of his People of this Province.

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in New York
6th September 1750.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed

The Council adjourned to Saturday 10 o clock A. M.

Saturday, the 8th day of September, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr Speaker,

JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled "An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony" Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now Read

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

The Council adjourned to Monday 3 o clock P. M.

Monday, the 10th *day of September*, 1750. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony" be now read the Second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Honoble Edward Holland Esqr took his seat

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill And the Committee being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported That the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without Amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And the Bill

Ordered to be read a third time

The Council adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock

Tuesday, the 11th *day of September*, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned, for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony" be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Honoble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

His Excellency being come to the Council Chamber sent a message to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance. And they attending accordingly

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill vizt

An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony

After which the said Act was published And his Excellency returned to the Fort

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday the 18th Instant at 11 o clock A. M.

Tuesday, the 18th *day of September*, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard & Mr Micheaux with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act to provide able Pilots and to establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned til Thursday next at 11 o clock in the Forenoon

Thursday, the 20th *day of September*, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Colle Beekman with the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on the Vessels and for the time therein mentioned with an Explanation and addition thereto" Desiring the concurrence of the Council to the said Bill

Ordered, that the Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

The Treasurer of this Province attending without was called in and prayed the Council to grant him further time to prepare and bring in the Account mentioned in the order of this Board of the 4th Instant and then withdrew.

Ordered, that the Treasurer do prepare and lay the said Account before the Council in three weeks.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act to provide Able Pilots and to establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned to Tuesday the second day of October at 11 o clock A M.

Tuesday, the second day of October, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Schuyler and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the second day of October next to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty one" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Micheaux and Mr Hardenbergh with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to restrain Tavernkeepers and Innholders from selling Strong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices and from giving large credit to others" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller & Mr Cornel with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for Encouragement of Whaling" Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Jochum Melchior Magens" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

The Hono^ble James De Lancey Esqr took his seat.

Ordered, that the said Bills be now read.

Then the said four Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on the Vessells and for the time therein mentioned with an Explanation and Addition thereto" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

Then the Council adjourned to Thursday the 4th Instant at 11 o clock A. M.

Thursday, the 4th day of October, 1750.

The Council met according to Adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND Esq^rs

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Schuyler and Capt. Richard with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable his Excellency the Governor to meet to Six Nations of Indians at Albany to make them the usual Presents there" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the second day of October next to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord 1751;

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entitul'd, An Act for Encouragement of Whaling, And

The Bill Entituled, An Act for Naturalizing Jochum Melchior Magens, be now read the second time.

Then the said Bills were read the second time &

Order'd to be committed.

The Council adjourned til to morrow morning 9 o clock.

Friday, the 5th day of October, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to restrain Tavernkeepers and Innholders from selling Strong Liquors to Servants & Apprentices and from giving large Credit to others And The Bill Entituled, An Act to enable his Excellency the Governor to meet the Six Nations of Indians at Albany to make them the usual presents there" be now read the second time: and

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council Resolved themselves into a Cōmittee on the last mentioned of the said two Bills and the Committee having duely weighed and considered of the same and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same with several amendments

And the said Amendments being read

The Committee's Report On the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morning 10 o clock

Saturday, the sixth day of October, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cornell and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to Continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and Neat Cattle feeding on Hempstead Plains" Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered to be read a second time.

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable his Excellency the Governor to meet the Six Nations of Indians at Albany to make them the usual Presents there." Was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that the Honoble John Rutherfurd Esqr do carry the said Bill with the Amendments to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with those Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the second day of October next to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord 1751.

The Committee having gone through the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report it without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And the Bill

Ordered a third reading

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honoble John Rutherfurd Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment

The Honoble Joseph Murray Esqr took his seat

The Council adjourned to Wednesday next 10 o clock A. M.

Wednesday, the 10th *day of October*, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicol & Col Schuyler with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable his Excellency the Governor to meet the Six Nations of Indians at Albany to make them the usual presents there" with the amendments made thereto by the Council acquainting the Council that the General Assembly conceives that the said Bill is a Money Bill and therefore they cannot agree to any amendments made thereto by the Council

The Honoble John Rutherfurd Esqr took his seat

Then Mr Colden proposed that the Council should come to the following Resolutions upon the said Message.

"That the Council have a right to amend any Bill containing any matter or Thing which they conceive to be derogatory to his Majesty's prerogative or authority or prejudicial to his People.

That the present Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable his Excellency the Governor to meet the Six Nations of Indians at Albany to make them the usual presents there" cannot with any propriety be called a Money Bill, since not one penny is granted thereby.

That the Legislature of this Province sit and act by the authority of the King's Commission to the Governor of this Province only.

There being a clause in his Majesty's Commission to the Governor in chief of this Province in the following words vizt

And Our further Will and Pleasure is that all publick money raised or which shall be raised by any Act to be hereafter made within Our said Province and other the Territories depending thereon be issued out by Warrant from you by and with the advice and consent of our Council and disposed of by you for the support of the Government and not otherwise.

That the several Amendments of the Council were either to make the Bill conformable to that clause, or to render it more effectual for the service intended to be done.

That every Act of the Legislature of this Province containing any Clause or Thing which is contradictory to the King's Commission, or not warranted by it, is so far void.

That the Treasurer of this Province cannot be indempnifyed for issuing or paying any publick Money otherwise than by Warrant from the Governor with the advice and consent of his Majesty's Council."

Resolved, that the consideration of what Mr Colden has proposed as Resolutions proper to be taken by this Board be deferred to the next meeting of the Council and that the absent members be summoned to attend

The Council adjourned til Friday 10 o clock A. M.

Friday, the twelfth day of October, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hardenbergh and Col Beekman with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Ulster" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

The Petition of Jochum Melchior Magens was presented and Read Praying the Council to pass the Bill for his Naturalization now before the Board The Petitioner having agreed for the Purchase of a farm upon Nassaw Island for which he is advised he cannot receive a good Title in his own name being as yet an Alien

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Jochum Melchior Magens.

The Hono^ble John Rutherfurd Esqr took his seat

The Committee having duely weighed & Considered of the said Bill & being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report it without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And the Bill

Ordered a third Reading

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

His Excellency being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance

And they attending accordingly

His Excellency in presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to the two following Bills vizt

An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the second day of October next to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty one. And

An Act for naturalizing Jochum Melchior Magens

After which the said Acts were published as usual and his Excellency returned to the Fort.

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the consideration of Mr Coldens Proposals made in Council the 10th Instant be deferred to Tuesday next

Then the Council adjourned til Tuesday 11 o clock A. M.

Tuesday, the Sixteenth day of October, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Schuyler and Mr Van Slyck with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in the City and County of Albany" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Beekman & Mr Hansen with the Bill Entituled, An Act to raise a sum not exceeding one hundred and thirty pounds for finishing the Court House and Gaol in the County of Dutches and defraying such charges as are already laid out & expended towards the building the said Court House and Gaol." Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bills be now read

Then the said Bills were read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading

The Council adjourned till Saturday 10 o clock A. M.

Saturday, the 20th day of October, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicol & Col Schuyler with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for regulating Fences for the several Cities & Counties within this Colony of New York" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicol & M^r Le Conte with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the several Acts therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said three Bills be now read

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

The Council adjourned til Tuesday 11 o clock A. M.

Tuesday, the 23^d day of October, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned til Friday morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the 26th *day of October*, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqrs, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hansen and Coll. Lot with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Beekman & Mr Van Slyck with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Collo Lott and Mr Snedeker with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent killing of Deer" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Slyck and Mr Hardenbergh with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to empower the Justices of the peace in the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Town of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets & Highways and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town." Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said four Bills be now read.

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered, a second Reading

The Honoble Joseph Murray and John Rutherfurd Esqrs took their seats

Ordered, that the following Bills be now read the second time vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to prevent the penning & folding of sheep & Neat Cattle feeding on Hempstead Plains"

The Bill Entituled, An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Ulster

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in the City and County of Albany"

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The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the several acts therein mentioned" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk."

Then the said seven Bills were read the second time &

Ordered to be committed.

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the following Bills vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act, Entituled, An Act to provide able Pilots and to establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York"

The Bill Entituled, An Act to restrain Tavernkeepers and Innholders from selling Strong Liquors to Servants and apprentices and from giving large Credit to others" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entitled, An Act for Encouragement of Whaling."

The Committee having gone through the said Bills and being Ready to make their Report thereon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills and had directed him to report them without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And the said Bills

Ordered a third Reading.

The Council adjourned to Friday next 11 o'clock A. M.

Friday, the second day of November, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Treasurer attending without was called in and according to order laid before the Council several accounts the Titles whereof are as follow, vizt

A General Account of what the several Duties &c have amounted to for supporting this Government to wit from the first day of September 1743 until the first day of August then next following with an Account of the several Payments thereon during the same time. By which Account there appears to be a Ballance due in favour of the Support of this Government to 1st August 1744 of the sum of..... £2954. 7. 1

A General Account of what the Duties &c have amounted to for Supporting this Government from the first day of August 1744 until the first day of September 1745 together with the several Payments made thereon during the same time. By which there appears to be due to the Treasurer a Ballance of..... £122. 3. 5¾

A General Account of what the said Duties have amounted to from the 1st September 1745 to the first of September 1746 together with the Payments made thereon during the same time By which there appears to be a Ballance in favour of the Government of..... £33. 6. 6½ Exclusive of the several sums which stil remain unpaid to several Persons named in a Memorandum at the Foot of this Account which several sums amount to..... £1275. 13. 0

A General Account of what the said Duties have amounted to from the 1st September 1746 to the 1st September 1747 with the Payments made thereout during the same time. By which there appears to be a Ballance due to the Government of ..... £706. 15. 10½ And by a Memorandum at the Foot of this Account there appears to be due to the several Persons therein mentioned £1377. 6. 4

A General Account of what the said Duties have amounted to from the 1st of September 1747 until the first day of January 1749 with an Account of the several Payments made out of the same. By which there appears to be a Ballance due to the Government of £7255. 6. 9

An Account of Moneys received from Hawkers and Pedlars from the 1st of Septr 1748 to the 1st of Septem^r 1750 pursuant to An Act passed in the thirteenth year of his present Majesty's Reign By which it appears that the Treasurer has received..... £200. 0. 0 which sum is therein mentioned to be unapplyed

An Account of Moneys received by the Treasurer from the several Loan Officers therein named pursuant to An Act passed in the year 1737 By which it appears that the said Moneys were paid to the Treasurer on & between the 11th day of May 1749 and the 28th day of May 1750 and amounted to the sum of..... £3283. 10. 0 and that the Loan Officers of Ulster County have not paid

An Account of the Receit and Payment of £28.000 struck and issued and paid into the Treasury pursuant to An Act published the 25th November 1747 Entituled, "An Act for raising a supply of £28.000 By a Tax on Estates Real and personal, for defraying the Expence of several services necessary for the defence of the Frontiers & Annoyance of the Enemy, for Emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short Periods" together with an account of what sums of Money have been paid out of the same pursuant to several Acts of the Legislature of this Province. By which a Ballance appears to be due in favour of the Government of..... £354. 15. 8¼

An Account of the Receit and Payments of £40,000 Pursuant to an Act passed the 15th July 1746 Entituled, "An Act for raising a supply of forty thousand pounds by a Tax on Estates Real & Personal for carrying on an Expedition against the French in Canada; for Emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum, and for Sinking and Cancelling the said Bills in Short Periods and for other purposes therein mentioned" By which there appears to be a Ballance due in favour of the Government of..... £31 0. 3¼

An Account of the Receit and Payments of £13,000 Pursuant to an Act published the 3^d May 1746 Entituled, "An Act for raising a Supply of the Sum of thirteen thousand pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal for the more effectual fortifying this Colony, for the Emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum for the immediate answering the necessary Services; and for the sinking and cancelling the said Bills at the several short periods therein mentioned" By which there appears a Ballance in favour of the Government of..... £1419 16. 3.

An Account of Money received by the Treasurer Pursuant to An Act Published the 27th day of February 1745 Entituled, An Act for raising the sum of £3375 by a Publick Lottery for this Colony for the more effectual fortifying the City of New York" of the Money borrowed

to make good the deficiency of the adventured Tickets And of what Payments have been made out of the same By which there appears a Ballance in favour of the Government of £208 15. 0.

An Account of the sum of five thousand pounds borrowed from the Excise Fund Pursuant to an Act published the 6th of July 1745 towards the expedition carrying on against Cape Breton and of the Payments made out of the same By which there appears a Ballance in favour of the Government of..... £1865 14. 4.

An Account of the sum of £270 Borrowed out of the Tonage Pursuant to an Act published the 14th May 1745 Entituled, "An Act to repay the sum of £270 advanced by the several Persons for the Services therein mentioned"

An Account of what Money has been borrowed [from the Excise] and paid pursuant to an Act published the 6th July 1745 Entituled, "An Act for erecting and repairing Fortifications within this Colony for defraying the charge of several services for the Defence & Security of the same and other purposes therein mentioned. In which the Treasurer charges himself with £7 11. 0. yet remaining unpaid to the Persons therein named, which sum when paid will Ballance this account

An Account of Moneys borrowed out of the Duty of Tonage and paid to the several Persons mentioned in the Account pursuant to an Act published the 29th of November 1745 Entituled, "An Act for paying the sum of £1511 12. 0 for the service of this Colony" Which Account is Ballanced by the sum hf £20. 0. 0 stil to be paid to the Commanding Officer of Oswego.

An Account of Moneys received by the Treasurer pursuant to An Act published the 21st September 1744 Entituled, "An Act to raise and collect in this Colony the sum of £3200 for putting it in a proper Posture of Defence and for discharging the several services which the present state of Affairs make it necessary to provide for, and of the payments made pursuant to the said Act. Upon which Account there appears a Ballance due to the Government of £28. 11. 0

An Account of the money borrowed [from the Excise] and paid pursuant to an Act published the 19th day of May 1744 Entituled, "An Act for repairing & compleating the Fortifications of this Colony for defraying the charge of the several services therein mentioned for the use & security of the said Colony and for building a new House proper for the Residence of Governors thereof for the time being" which Account is Ballanced by the sum of £47. 17. 3½ stil to be paid to the Commissioners appointed by this Act

An Account of what Moneys have been paid into the Treasury since the 1st September 1740 pursuant to two Acts passed in the eighth year of his present Majesty's Reign. The one Entituled, "An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on the Vessels and for the time therein mentioned" and the other "An Act to lay a duty on the Goods and a Tax on the Slaves therein mentioned during the time and for the uses mentioned in the same." Which said Duties & Taxes were laid for sinking the Bills of Credit to the value of £12.000 Emitted in the year 1734, Together with An Account of the several sums borrowed out of the said Duty of Tonage; of what sums the Treasurer has paid and what Bills of Credit have been cancelled. By which there appears a Ballance due in favour of this Government of £932. 4. 10¾

An Account of what the Treasurer has paid unto the several Persons therein named ℔ their Warrants, Certificates and Receits for maintaining proper persons to be employed amongst the five Nations of Indians and for defraying the charge & supporting the Trading House at Oswego the said Payments being made out of the Fines & Forfeitures out of the Duties on Indian Goods and Rum paid by the Farmers and Commissioners for managing the same at Albany As also out of the Wig Tax and the moneys borrowed from the Excise Fund. By which Account it appears that the Treasurer has paid..... £12.457. 11. 10¼
And that he has received 11 733. 15. 11¼

An Abstract of what moneys have been paid into the Treasury on Account of Excise for Sinking the Bills of Credit to the value of £27.680 Emitted in the year 1714 As also what the Duties on Wine and Rum have amounted to for sinking the Bills of Credit to the value of £16.607. 10 emitted in the year 1717 which last mentioned Duties expired the 23d December 1734 Together with an Account of what Bills of Credit have been cancelled on each respective Fund and likewise what has been borrowed from the same pursuant to the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony.

And the Titles of the said Accounts being read

Ordered, that the said Accounts do lie on the Table for the perusal of the Gentlemen of the Council.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to provide Able Pilots and to establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to restrain Tavernkeepers and Innholders from selling Strong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices and from giving large Credit to others" And

The Bill Entituled, An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for Encouragement of Whaling" be now read the third time

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that the said three Bills do pass

Ordered, that the Hono^ble James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without Amendment

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale & Mr Hardenbergh with the Bill Entituled, "An Act empowering the Judges Justices and Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Orange County to take the Probate of Wills and to grant Letters of Adminstration" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now Read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the seven following Bills vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent the penning & folding of Sheep and neat Cattle feeding on Hempstead Plains"

The Bill Entituled, An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the better clearing & further laying out Publick High Roads in the County of Ulster

The Bill Entituled, An Act for the better clearing & further laying out Publick High Roads in the City and County of Albany

The Bill Entituled, An Act to raise a sum not exceeding £130 for finishing the Court House & Gaol in the County of Dutches and for defraying such charges as are already laid out and expended towards the building said Court House and Gaol

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony of New York"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the several Acts therein mentioned" And

The Bill Entituled, An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk"

The Committee having gone through the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker Resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then Mr Chief Justice De Lancey Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said seven Bills and directed him to report them without Amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the said Bills

Ordered a third Read^g

Ordered, that the four following Bills be now read the second time vizt

The Bill Entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany

The Bill Entituled, An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County

The Bill Entituled, An Act to prevent killing of Deer and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace, in the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Town of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town."

Then the said Bills were Read the Second time &

Ordered, to be committed

The Council adjourned to Tuesday 3 o clock P. M.

Tuesday, the 6th day of November, 1750. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll^o Schuyler and Mr Hansen with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for supporting the Garison and Trading House at Oswego, Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^o Beekman and Coll^o Lott with the Bill Entituled, An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the better Relief of the Poor in Dutches County" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be now Read

Then the said Bills were Read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading

Ordered, that the following Bills be now read the third time. viz[t]

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent the penning and folding of sheep and neat Cattle feeding on Hempstead Plains"

The Bill Entituled, An Act to continue An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Ulster"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise a sum not exceeding £130 for finishing of the Court House & Goal in the County of Dutches and for defraying such charges as are already laid out & expended towards the building of the said Court House & Goal.

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better clearing, Regulating and further laying out publick High Roads in the City and County of Albany

The Bill Entituled, An Act for regulating Fences for the several Cities and Counties within this Colony of New York

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the several Acts therein mentioned" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk

Then the said seven Bills were read the third Time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, that the Hono[ble] Joseph Murray Esq[r] do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three first mentioned of the said Bills without amendment. And

Ordered, that the Hono[ble] John Rutherfurd Esq[r] do acq[t] the General Assembly that the Council have passed the four last mentioned of the said Bills without amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act empowering the Judges, Justices and Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Orange County to take the Probate of Wills and to grant Letters of Administration" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time &

Order'd to be committed.

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the following Bills viz[t]

The Bill Entituled, An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on the Vessells and for the time therein mentioned with an Explanation and Addition thereto

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany

The Bill Entituled, An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent killing of Deer" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to empower the Justices of the peace in the County of Albany living or dwelling in the County of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said town.

The Committee having gone through the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then M[r] Rutherfurd Chairman of the said Cōmittee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of. And the said Bills *Ordered* a third Reading.

The Council adjourned til Saturday morning 10 o clock

Saturday, the 10th *day of November*, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT—*The Hono[ble]* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esq[r], Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the following Bills be now read the third time viz[t]

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on the Vessels and for the time therein mentioned with an Explanation and addition thereto.

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County"

The Bill Entituled, An Act to prevent killing of Deer" And

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act intituled, An Act to empower the Justices of Peace in the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Town of Schenectady, in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town."

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being severally put,

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for the better Relief of the poor in Dutches County, be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill and the Bill Entituled, "An Act empowering the Judges Justices & Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Orange County to take the probate of Wills and to grant Letters of Administration

The Committe having gone through the said two Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills and directed him to Report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And the Bills

Ordered, a third Reading

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next 11 o clock A. M.

Tuesday, the thirteenth day of November, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colo Lott & Mr Hardenbergh with the Bill Entituled, An Act further to prolong the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony & other purposes therein mentioned. Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller & Collo Lott with the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to prevent the setting on fire or burning the old Grass on Hempstead Plains." Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

The Honoble James De Lancey & Joseph Murray Esqrs took their seats

Then the said Bills were Read the first time and

Ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act empowering the Judges Justices and Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Orange County to take the Probate of Wills and to grant Letters of Administration. And An Act Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act for the better Relief of the Poor in Dutches County. Be now read the third time

Then the said Bills were Read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved that the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, that the Honoble John Rutherfurd Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment. And also the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County" And the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent killing of Deer" without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Honoble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three following Bills without Amendment vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on the Vessells and for the time therein mentioned with an Explanation and Addition thereto."

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany" And

The Bill Entituled, An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Town of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets & Highways and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town."

The Council adjourned til Friday morning 11 o cl

Friday, the sixteenth day of November, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for supporting the Garrison and Trading House at Oswego.

The Bill Entituled. An Act further to prolong the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled, An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent the setting on Fire or burning the old Grass on Hempstead Plains," be now read the second time

Then the said Bills were read the second time &

Ordered to be committed

Then the Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for supporting the Garrison & Trading House at Oswego" And the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent the setting on Fire or burning the old Grass on Hempstead Plains.

The Committee having gone through the said two Bills and being ready to make their report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Chief Justice De Lancey Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills and directed him to report them without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved, and the said Bills

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Richard and Col. Schuyler with the Bill Entituled. "An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false tareing of Bread & Flour casks" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading

The Council adjourned to Wednesday morn^g 11 o cl

Wednesday the 21st day of November, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas & Mr Hardenbergh with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Payment of the Debts of this Colony and for other the purposes therein mentioned" Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &
Ordered a second Reading
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false tareing of Bread & Flour Casks, be now read the Second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, An Act to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for supporting the Garrison and Trading House at Oswego And
The Bill Entituled, An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent the setting on fire or burning the old Grass on Hempstead Plains" be now read the third time.
Then the said Bills were read the third time and
On the Question be put
Resolved, that the said Bills do pass.
Ordered, that the Hono^ble Joseph Murray Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment
Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 22^d *day of November*, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by M^r Le Count and Mr Miller with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Payment of the Salaries & Services therein mentioned to the first of September one thousand seven hundred & fifty one. And
A Message from the General Assembly by Col Beekman and Col Lot with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Jacobus Tiedeman, Lodwyck Bamper, Margaret Bamper, Adrian Houtvat, Haeman Levy, James Kerpain, Isaac Van Haren Caspel, Englebert Kemmanne, Godfrey Miller, John Smith, Jacob Matchker, Charles Shelts, Hendrick Sneyder, John Frederick Neith, John Watsel, John Bury, John Ketleman, Joseph Cachet Marchand, Cordt Arent Flaake, Peter Larin, Charles John Duten, Johannes Van Beverhout Gloudiss, Claudius Van Beverhoudt, Johannes Van Beverhoudt Bertrandt Van Beverhoudt, Berand Langemack Van Beverhoudt, Barns Robinson, John Anderson, Godfrey Hoin, Margaret Van Beverhoudt, John Colon, Conradt Kults, Michael Smith, William Voght & Elias Bonnam" Desiring the concurrence of the Council to the said Bills
A Message from the General Assembly by Coll^o Beekman and Col Lot with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revise digest and print the Laws of this Colony" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Gale with the Bill Entituled "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with Respect to the Imprisonment of their persons" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto
Ordered, that the said Bills be now read
Then the said Bills was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Payment of the Debts of this Colony, and for other the purposes therein mentioned" be now read the second time
Then the said Bill was read the second time &
Order'd to be Committed.
The Council adjourned til 3 o clock P^t Merid^m

Thursday, the 22^{d} *day of November*, 1750. *P. M.*

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono*^{ble} ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to prolong the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of the Colony and other purposes therein mentioned" And the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Payment of the Debts of this Colony and for other the purposes therein mentioned"

The Committee having gone through the said two Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then Mr Murray Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills and had directed him to Report them without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bills

Ordered a third Reading

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll^{o} Lot and Col Beekman with the Bill Entituled, An Act to regulate the gauging of Rum Brandy & other distill'd Liquors and Molasses and other purposes therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Tappen with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to alter part of An Act Entituled, An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out Publick High Roads in the County of Westchester" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly with the Bill Entituled, An Act to empower the Justices of the peace in the County of Ulster to order the raising of a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred pounds for repairing the Gaols within the said County" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bills be now read.

Then the said Bills were read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned til to morrow morn^{g} 11 o cl.

Friday, the 23^{d} *day of November*, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono*^{ble} ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to prolong the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned" And the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Payment of the Debts of this Colony and for other the purposes therein mentioned" be now read the third time.

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, that the Hono^{ble} Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bills without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bills following vizt

The Bill Entituled, An Act for the payment of the Salaries & services therein mentioned to the 1st of September 1751.

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Jacobus Tiedeman and others"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to revise digest and print the Laws of this Colony"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to regulate the Guaging of Rum, Brandy and other distill'd Liquors and Molasses and other purposes therein mentioned."

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to alter part of An Act entituled, An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Westchester" And

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Ulster to order the raising of a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred pound for repairing the Goals within the said County" be now read the second time

Then the said Bills were read the second time &

Ordered to be committed.

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the said seven Bills

And the Committee having gone through the same and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the Committee to whom the said seven Bills were referred in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the same and directed him to report them without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And the said Bills

Ordered a third Reading.

Then the Council Resolved themselves into a Cõmittee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false tareing of Bread and Flour Casks."

The Committee having gone through the same and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the same and directed him to Report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that the Honoble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morning 10 o clock.

Saturday, the 24th *day of November*, 1750.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the following Bills, vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Payment of the salaries & services therein mentioned to the first of September 1751

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for Naturalizing Jacobus Tiedeman and others

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to revise digest and print the Laws of this Colony"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to regulate the guaging of Rum, Brandy and other distil'd Liquors and Molasses and other purposes therein mentioned"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to alter part of An Act Entituled, An Act for the better clearing regulating & further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Westchester" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Ulster to order the raising of a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred pound for repairing the Goals within the said County" be now read the third time.

Then the said seven Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Joseph Murray Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the four first mentioned of the said Bills without Amendment, And that the Hono^ble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the other three of the said Bills without Amendment

His Excellency being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary requiring their immediate attendance And they attending accordingly

His Excellency in presence of the Council and General Assembly was then pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills vizt

An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to provide able Pilots and to establish their pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels and for the time therein mentioned with an Explanation & addition thereto.

An Act to restrain Tavernkeepers & Innholders from selling strong Liquors to Servants and Apprentices and from giving large Credit to others.

An Act to continue An Act intituled, An Act for Encouragement of Whaling.

An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to prevent the Penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle feeding on Hempstead Plains.

An Act to Continue An Act Entituled, An Act for the better clearing and further laying out Publick High Roads in the County of Ulster.

An Act for the better clearing, regulating and further laying out Publick High Roads in the City and County of Albany.

An Act to raise a sum not exceeding one hundred & thirty pounds for finishing the Court House & Goal in the County of Dutches and for defraying such charges as are already laid out and expended towards the building the said Court House and Goal.

An Act for regulating Fences for the several Cities & Counties within this Colony of New York."

An Act to continue the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk.

An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany.

An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County.

An Act to prevent killing of Deer.

An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Town of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways and to prevent accidents by Fire in the said Town."

An Act empowering the Judges Justices and Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Orange County to take the Probate of Wills and to grant Letters of Administration.

An Act to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for supporting the Garrison and Trading House at Oswego.

An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for the better Relief of the Poor in Dutches County.

An Act further to prolong the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent the setting on Fire or burning the old grass on Hempstead Plains.

An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false tareing of Bread and Flour Cask.

An Act for the Payment of the Debts of this Colony and for other the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for the Payment of the Salaries & Services therein mentioned to the first of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty one.

An Act for naturalizing Jacobus Tiedeman; Lodwyck Bamper; Margaret Bamper; Adrian Houtvat; Haeman Levy; James Herpain; Isaac Van Haren Caspel; Englebert Kemmanne; Godfrey Miller; John Smith; Jacob Matcker; Charles Shelts; Hendrick Snyder; John Frederick Neith; John Watsell; John Bury; John Kettleman; Joseph Cachet Merchand; Cordt Arendt Flaake; Peter Lorin; Charles John Dutens; Johannes Van Beverhoudt Gloudisz; Claudius Van Beverhoudt; Johannes Van Beverhoudt; Bertrandt Van Beverhoudt; Berand Langemack Van Beverhoudt; Barns Robinson; John Anderson; Godfrey Hoin; Margaret Van Beverhoudt; John Colon; Conradt Kults; Michael Smith; William Voogt; and Elias Bonnain.

An Act to revise, digest and print the Laws of this Colony.

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

An Act to regulate the guaging of Rum, Brandy and other distill'd Liquors and Molasses and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to alter part of An Act entituled, An Act for the better clearing regulating & further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Westchester, &

An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Ulster to order the raising of a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred pound for repairing the Goals within the said County."

And the said Acts having been published in the usual Manner, His Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to the first Tuesday in April 1751

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXVI., 150.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governor in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until *Tuesday* the *second* day of *April* next I have thought fit by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to prorogue the said General Assembly and I do by virtue of the powers and authorities unto me granted by his Majesty hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly until *Tuesday* the *seventh* day of *May* next ensuing Then to meet at the *City Hall* in the City of *New York* Of which all his Majesty's Subjects are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirteenth* day of *March* in the year of our Lord 1750 and in the twenty fourth year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second By the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a

G. CLINTON.

By His Excellencys Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXVI., 154.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued until *Tuesday* the *seventh* day of *May* next I have thought fit by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to prorogue the said General Assembly and I do by virtue of the Powers and Authorities

unto me Granted by his Majesty hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly unto *Tuesday* the *twenty first* day of *May* next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *Twenty Fifth* day of *April* in the year of our Lord 1751 and in the twenty fourth year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a

G. CLINTON.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y Col. MSS. LXXVI., 155.]

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The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued until *Tuesday* the *twenty first* of *May* Instant. I have thought fit by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to Prorogue the said General Assembly. And I do by virtue of the powers and authorities unto me Granted by his Majesty hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly unto *Tuesday* the *twenty eighth* day of this Instant *May* of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirteenth* day of *May* in the year of our Lord 1751 and in the twenty fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith &c^a

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON, Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon Depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued until *Tuesday* the *twenty eighth* of *May* Instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to Prorogue the

said General Assembly And I do by virtue of the Powers and authorities unto me Granted by his Majesty hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly unto *Thursday* the *thirtieth* of this Instant *May* then to meet to proceed on Business of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty fifth* day of *May* in the year of our Lord 1751 and in the twenty fourth year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
GW. BANYAR, *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-SIXTH ASSEMBLY SECOND SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York, *on* Thursday *the* 30th *day of* May 1751 *in the twenty fifth year of the* Reign *of* King George *the* Second.

His Excellency the Hono^ble George Clinton having prorogued the General Assembly by several proclamations from Tuesday the first day of April last to this day
The Council met accordingly

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
His Excellency having required the attendance of the Council at the Council Chamber in Fort George, The Speaker left the Chair and the Council went thither accordingly.
Where being met His Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House.
And the House attending accordingly His Excellency made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly.
The Council then returned to the Council Chamber, and the Speaker resumed the Chair and Reported that his Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, of which his Excellency had given him a Copy which he delivered in at the Table.
Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read.
Then the same was read and
Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

It is with the greatest Concern, that I am to acquaint you with the Death of his Royal Hihgness the Prince of Wales: The Grief upon this melancholy Occasion, is great and general; it is however a great Comfort to his Majesty's faithful Servants to hear, that his Health is entirely re-established, and that her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and all the Rest of the Royal Family, are as well as can be expected, in the present Circumstances.
I most heartily condole with you upon this unfortunate Occasion.
The Securing the Fidelity of the six Nations of Indians to the British Interest, is so absolutely necessary, for the Safety and Prosperity of this Province, that every Step should be taken that will contribute to that End.

As I am to meet the Indians at Albany, the latter End of next Month, I thought it for his Majesty's Service, to call you together before I went, that you might enable me in the most effectual Manner, to secure and preserve their Fidelity.

I imagine you are not unacquainted with the Methods the French take to bring those Nations over to their Interest; and we, on our Parts, should pursue every Method to counteract them.

The Steps I have taken with the neighbouring Governors for that Purpose, will appear by the Papers, which I shall order to be laid before you.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

There is no Provision made (as has usually been done) for the contingent Charges, which daily occur, in taking care of the Indian Affairs; I must therefore recommend to you to make Provision for this Service.

The Sum granted the last Session, for Presents to the six Nations of Indians, I do not think sufficient at this Time, to answer the Ends you propose; therefore it becomes you, Gentlemen, that will soonest feel the Effects of their going over to the French, to act properly upon this Occasion.

You see, Gentlemen, with what Earnestness I press this Subject upon you; and I hope I shall have the Pleasure of seeing the desired Effects of it: I think it of such visible Advantage, and so necessary to the common Good and Safety of your Country, that I should have justly blamed myself, if I had not pressed it at this Time.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The Time of meeting the Indians, requires all possible Dispatch in coming to such Resolutions as you shall think proper, on the Matters I have recommended to your Consideration.

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in the City of New York
30th of May 1751.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Then Mr Kennedy moved, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency on the subject matter of his Speech. Which motion being agreed to.

Resolved, that an humble address be presented to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy, Mr Murray and Mr Rutherfurd be a Committee to prepare a draft of the said Address, and that they lay the same before the Council with all convenient speed.

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock

Friday, the 31st *day of May*, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Kennedy from the Committee appointed to prepare the draft of An Address to his Excellency reported that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the Council, and he read the same in his place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being amended, agreed to by the Council.

Ordered, that the Address be engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and

Ordered to be signed by the Speaker and the Speaker having signed the same,

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy and Mr Rutherfurd do wait on his Excellency, to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Council's Address.

Then the said Gentlemen withdrew, and being Returned, Reported that they had waited on his Excellency, with the above Message, And that his Excellency had been pleased to appoint to morrow morning 11 o clock.

The Council adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 1st *day of June,* 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Then the Speaker left the Chair and the Council went to present their Address to his Excellency. And being returned the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Reported that having attended his Excellency, and presented to him the Council's Address, His Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable answer thereto, Which being read

Ordered, that the said Address and answer be entered in the minutes which are as follow:

To His Excellency the Honoble GEORGE CLINTON, Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

The humble ADDRESS of the Members of his Majesty's Council for the province of New York

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Members of the Council for the province of New York return your Excellency our humble thanks for your Speech.

It is with great Grief and concern we condole with your Excellency the Death of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. May his Majesty, her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and all the rest of the Royal Family long enjoy Health.

The Securing the Fidelity of the Six Nations of Indians to the British Interest, is a point of so much importance to the safety and prosperity of this, and every other of his Majesty's Colonies upon this Continent, that we cannot hesitate in thinking but that every member of the community will do every thing in his power to enable your Excellency at this critical Juncture, to secure and preserve it in the most effectual manner.

We are not unacquainted with the indefatigable endeavours of the French to seduce our Indians, nor with the methods your Excellency has been pleased to propose to this and the neighbouring Colonies, in order to prevent their fatal consequences; for which our most humble thanks are due.

We on our Parts beg leave to assure your Excellency, that there shall be nothing in our power wanting to encourage and support those measures, your Excellency has been pleased to lay before us, for gaining and preserving the Friendship of the Indians in general to the British Interest.

By order of the Council
CADWALLADER COLDEN Speaker

Council Chamber City of New York
31st May 1751

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen:

I thank you for this Address, and I am exceedingly pleased that the Measures I have taken for the securing the Fidelity of the Indians are so agreeable to you.

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in the City of New York
1st June 1751.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey moved that an humble Address be prepared to lay before his Majesty "To condole with him on the Death of his late Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, To express the deep sense we have of the great Loss to his Majesty, and all his loyal Subjects by this mournful event. That nothing can more truely discover the value of that most excellent Prince, than the heavy concern which his Majesty's faithful Subjects universally feel on this melancholly occasion, and to conclude with our prayers, that the Goodness of God, to alleviate

our sorrows, would establish and preserve his most sacred Majesty's Health, that he may long reign a blessing to a happy and grateful people. And that the same Goodness, would defeat and dissipate all the known and secret Enemies of his Majesty's Person and Family."

Which Motion being seconded, was unanimously agreed to.

Resolved, that an humble address be presented accordingly.

Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 4th day of June, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chief Justice Delancey moved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Majesty, agreeable to the Resolution of the Council on the 1st Instant And that a Message be sent to the General Assembly, to desire them to appoint a Committee of their House to join the Committee to be appointed by the Council, to prepare the Draft of the said Address.

Ordered, that Mr Chief Justice De Lancey, Mr Murray and Mr Holland be a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they meet at 3 o clock this Afternoon in the Council Chamber.

Ordered, that the Honoble James De Lancey Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly, that the Council have appointed himself, together with the Honoble Joseph Murray, and Edward Holland Esqrs, to be a committee to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Majesty, to condole with him on the Death of his late Royal Highness the prince of Wales, to express the deep sense we have of the great loss to his Majesty, and all his loyal subjects, by this mournful Event. That nothing can more truely discover the value of that most excellent prince, than the heavy concern, which his Majesty's faithful Subjects universally feel on this melancholly occasion. And to conclude with our prayers, that the Goodness of God, to alleviate our Sorrow, would establish and preserve his most sacred Majesty's Health, that he may long reign a Blessing to a happy and grateful people, and that the same Goodness would defeat and dissipate all the known and secret Enemies of his Majesty's person and Family. That the said Committee are to meet at 3 o clock this afternoon in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, And that the Council desire the General Assembly would appoint a Committee of their House, to join the said Committee of the Council, at the time and place abovementioned for the purpose aforesaid.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Capt Renselaer acquainting the Council that the House hath appointed Major Van Horne, Mr Cruger, Captain Richard, Col Beekman Mr Micheaux and Mr Thomas to be a Committee to join the Committee of the Council, in preparing the Address mentioned in the Council's Message of this Day, to attend at the time and place appointed by the Council.

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morng 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 5th day of June, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Mr Chief Justice reported, that the joint Committees of the Council and General Assembly, appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Majesty, had met and agreed upon a Draft of the said Address, which he read and then delivered in at the Table, where the same was again read, and approved of.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Mr Micheaux, acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have approved of the Draft of an Address to his Majesty prepared by the joint Committees.

Ordered, that the Hono: Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly, that the Council have approved of the Draft of the Address to his Majesty, prepared by the joint Committees, and have appointed the Honoble James De Lancey and John Rutherfurd Esqrs, to wait on his Excellency the Governour immediately, to desire his Excellency will be pleased to join therein. And further that the Council desires the General Assembly to appoint some of the Members of that House, to wait on his Excellency at the same time for the like purpose.

The Honoble Archibald Kennedy Esqr took his seat

Mr Rutherfurd moved, that the General Assembly be desired to communicate to the Council the Letters and papers they have received this Session from Robert Charles Esqr Agent for this Colony.

Which motion being seconded was agreed to.

Ordered, that the Honoble Archibald Kennedy Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly, that the Council desire the General Assembly would communicate to the Council, the Letters and papers they have received this Session from Robert Charles Esqr Agent for this Colony.

A Message from the General Assembly acquainting the Council that the House have appointed Mr Richard, Mr Cruger, Mr Thomas, and Mr Micheaux to wait on his Excellency the Governour, with the Gentlemen appointed by the Council, with the Draft of the Address to his Majesty, to desire his Excellency will be pleased to join therein.

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey Reported, that himself and Mr Rutherfurd, together with the Gentlemen appointed by the General Assembly, had waited on his Excellency and desired his Excellency would be pleased to join in the humble Address to his Majesty prepared by the joint Committees of the Council and General Assembly the draft of which they presented to his Excellency and that he was pleased to signify he would join therein.

Then the Draft of the Address was altered accordingly, and two Copies thereof

Ordered to be forthwith engrossed.

The Council adjourned til to morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Thursday, the sixth day of June, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Copies of the humble Address to his Majesty were read.

Ordered, that the Honoble Edward Holland Esqr do carry the engrossed Copies of the said Address, to his Excellency and desire he will be pleased to sign the same.

Ordered, that the said Address be entered in the Minutes which is as follows

To the KING'S Most Excellent MAJESTY

The humble ADDRESS of the Governour, Council and General Assembly of the Colony of New York in America.

Most Gracious Soveraign,

We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Governour Council and General Assembly, of your Majesty's Colony of New York, beg leave to approach your most sacred Majesty, to condole with you on the death of his late Royal Highness the prince of Wales; and to express the deep sense we have of the great Loss to your Majesty, and all your loyal subjects, by this mournful Event. Nothing can more truly discover the value of that most excellent Prince, than the heavy concern which your Majesty's faithful subjects universally feel on this melancholly occasion.

That the Goodness of God, to alleviate our sorrows, would establish and preserve your most sacred Majesty's Health, that you may long reign a Blessing to a happy and grateful People, and that the same Goodness may defeat and dissipate all the known and secret Enemies of your Majesty's person and Family are the unfeigned prayers of

May it please your Majesty
Your Majesty's most dutiful
and loyal Subjects.

New York 6th June 1751

Mr Holland delivered in at the Table the engrossed copies of the said Address signed by his Excellency, And the same having been signed by the Gentlemen of the Council present,

Ordered, that the Honoble James De Lancey Esqr do carry the engrossed Copies of the Address to his Majesty, to the General Assembly, and when that House have signed the same, that he do then wait on his Excellency with such Members as they shall appoint for that purpose, and deliver the said Address to his Excellency, and desire he will be pleased to transmit the same to his Majesty.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Cornel, acquainting the Council that all the Members of the General Assembly present have signed the engrossed Address to his Majesty. And that the House hath appointed Capt. Richard and Mr Cruger to wait on his Excellency, with the Gentlemen appointed by the Council, to desire that his Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to his Majesty.

His Excellency having required the attendance of the Council at the Council Chamber at Fort George in this City

The Speaker left the Chair and the Council went thither accordingly

Where being met His Excellency came to the Council Chamber, and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance And they attending accordingly

His Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to Tuesday the sixth day of August next.

TWENTY-SIXTH ASSEMBLY THIRD SESSION

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the first day of* October 1751 *in the twenty fifth year of the* Reign *of* King George *the* Second.

His Excellency the Honoble George Clinton Captain General and Governour in Chief of the said province having by several Proclamations prorogued the General Assembly from the sixth day of August last to this day

The Council met accordingly.

Present — *The Honoble* Cadwallader Colden, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council adjourned til Thursday next 10 o clock A M.

Thursday, the third day of October, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Cadwallader Colden Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council adjourned til Tuesday next at 10 o clock A. M.

Tuesday, the eighth day of October, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency the Governour having required the attendance of the Council at the Council Chamber in Fort George

The Speaker left the Chair and the Council went thither accordingly.

And being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair and reported that his Excellency had made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly of which his Excellency had been pleased to deliver him a Copy which he delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read.

Then the same was read and

Ordered to be entered in the minues and is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and Assembly,

I have delayed calling you together till this Time, that it might be more convenient for yourselves. You know it is now necessary to provide for the Support of his Majesty's Government in this Province. I must, at the same Time, earnestly recommend the Payment of the Debts, still due for past Services, which remain unpaid. This is necessary, not only in Justice to the Creditors, but for preserving the publick Credit for the future.

The present State of the Indian Affairs deserves your most serious Attention. The French are more than commonly assiduous, in withdrawing the Affection of the Indians from us, and in obstructing the British Trade every where among them; for which Purposes, they are at a very great Expence.

There being no Supplies granted, as was formerly usual, for employing proper Persons in the Care of Indian Affairs, Col. Johnson (who for some Years past, has been so successful in that Service) has advanced a very considerable Sum on the Credit of the Government: But he has since declared, that he cannot continue in this Service, which is attended with considerable daily Expence, as well as personal Fatigue, unless proper Allowances be made, to enable him to perform it.

From the Informations which I have received, and which shall be communicated to you, it will appear necessary, not only to provide for the usual annual Expence which attends the Management of Indian Affairs, and of sending Smiths to reside among them, but likewise, of sending proper Persons to the more distant Nations, to prevent the Designs of the French, and removing any bad Impressions they may have made upon them.

The preserving the Fidelity of the Indians, is evidently of such Consequence to the future Security and Prosperity of this Province, that I need not add any Thing more to draw your Attention on this Head.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I must recommend to you, to give the necessary Supplies for the Services I have mentioned, and for the contingent Expence that must at all Times unavoidable attend the Administration of Government; and that in doing this, you will have that Regard which is due to the Directions in his Majesty's Commission and Instructions to me.

Accounts of the publick Debts shall in a proper Time be laid before you.

Gentlemen of the Council and Assembly,

It will give me the greatest Pleasure to join with you, in every Thing for the Benefit of the People under my Care; and you may depend on my hearty Concurrence with you, in any Measures, for advancing the Prosperity of this Province.

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in New York }
8th October 1751. }

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Then Mr Holland moved that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency on the Subject matter of his Speech.

Which motion being seconded and agreed to.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy, Mr Holland & Col Johnson be a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address and that they lay the same before the Council with all convenient speed.

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morning 10 o clock.

Wednesday, the 9th day of October, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Mr Holland from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Excellency Reported that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly which they had directed him to report to the Council and he read the same in his place and then delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and approved of and

Ordered to be engrossed.

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morng 11 o cl.

Thursday, the 10th day of October, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and the Speaker ordered to sign the same, who sign'd it accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Holland and Col Johnson wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Council's Address.

Then the said Gentlemen withdrew and being returned Reported that they had waited on his Excellency with the above message and that his Excellency had been pleased to appoint immediately.

The Speaker left the Chair and the Council went to present their Address to his Excellency. And being returned The Speaker resumed the Chair and Reported that having presented the Council's Address to his Excellency, his Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto which being read.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the minutes which are as follow.

To His Excellency the Honoble GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

The Humble ADDRESS of his Majesty's Council for the Province of New York.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the members of the Council for the Province of New York, most humbly thank your Excellency for your Speech, and your Declaration of concurring heartily with us, in every thing for the benefit of the people of this Province: We are truly sensible of your Indulgence in calling us together at a time most convenient to our selves.

Your Excellency may rest assured that our best endeavours shall not be wanting to support the Honour of his Majesty's Government in this Province, and in making your administration easy to you, that it may be an Inducement to your Excellency to continue long with us.

We are well apprised of what Importance the securing the fidelity of the Indians, is to the British Interest, and for the safety and prosperity of this Province; and how much the Intrigues of the French, at this time (if they should succeed) may be prejudicial; and that if measures be not speedily concerted, to avoid the dangers to which we are exposed, any Remedy may afterwards come too late: Your Excellency may therefore be assured, that we shall chearfully concur in such measures, as may most effectually attach the Affections of the Indians to the Crown of Great Britain, and defeat the Designs of those who are at this time, attempting to delude them to our prejudice.

We shall most chearfully and heartily assist your Excellency in your Endeavours for promoting the prosperity of the people under your care.

By order of the Council
CADWALLADER COLDEN Speaker

Council Chamber in the City of New York
9th October 1751

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this Address, and for the assurance you give me of your assistance in the matters I recommended to your consideration.

As it is the duty of the several Branches of the Legislature, to be heartily and firmly united in promoting the welfare of the province, so it will give me the most sensible pleasure to see the good effects, which must necessarily arise from such union.

G. CLINTON.

Fort George in the City of New York,
10th October 1751

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

Then the Council adjourned til Tuesday next at 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 15th *day of October*, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned til Friday next and then met and

Adjourned til Tuesday morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 22d *day of October*, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Richard with the Bill entituled, "An Act to prevent the breaking or otherwise injuring Glass Lamps in the City of New York" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Walton with the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without license" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr. Hardenbergh with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to fix and ascertain the place for Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly for the County of Westchester, Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hardenbergh and Col Beekman with a Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Ulster. Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

The Honoble Edward Holland Esqr took his seat

Ordered, that the said Bills be now read

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned til Friday morning 11 o clock And then met and

Adjourned til Thursday at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, the 31st *day of October*, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the four following Bills be now read the second time vizt

The Bill entituled, "An Act to prevent the breaking or otherwise injuring Glass Lamps in the City of New York"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycense"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to fix and ascertain the place for elections of Representatives in General Assembly for the County of Westchester" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better clearing & further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Ulster.

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morng 11 o cl

Friday, the first day of November, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Schuyler and Capt Livingston with a Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Le Count and Col Lott with a Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the supervisors of Richmond County to raise the sum of sixty pounds for building a dwelling House adjoining to the Goal of said County for the Residence of the Keeper of said Goal" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Cornel with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony for one whole year to commence from the first day of January next" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hardenbergh and Mr Hansen with a Bill Entituled, An Act to let to farm the Excise on all Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony for one whole year to commence from the first day of January next" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be now read.

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and the Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the three following Bills viz[t]

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycense.

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to fix and ascertain the place for Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly for the County of Westchester. And

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better clearing and further laying out Publick High Roads in the County of Ulster.

The Committee having gone through the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then M[r] Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said three Bills and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And the said three Bills

Ordered a third reading.

The speaker left the chair and the Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled "An Act to prevent the breaking or otherwise injuring Glass Lamps in the City of New York."

The Committee having gone through the same and being ready to make their report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately

Then M[r] Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with amendments, which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the same were again read and agreed to and the amendments

Ordered to be engrossed

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading as amended.

Then the Council adjourned til Tuesday 3 o clock P. M.

Tuesday, the fifth day of November, 1751. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono[ble]* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esq[r], Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the three following Bills be now read the second time viz[t]

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Supervisors of Richmond County to raise the sum of sixty pounds for building a dwelling House adjoining to the Goal of said County for the Residence of the Keeper of said Goal"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for altering the time of the annual meeting of the Supervisors of the County of Ulster. and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony for one whole year to commence from the first day of January next."

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Hono[ble] James Alexander Esq[r] took his seat.

A Message from the General Assembly by M[r] Cruger and Col Schuyler with the Bill Entituled "An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by M[r] Richard and Col Schuyler with the Bill Entituled "An Act to enable the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and pumps in the said City to the south of Fresh Water and other the purposes therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Snedeker with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages." Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

The Honoble James De Lancey and Joseph Murray Esqrs took their seats.

Ordered, that the said three Bills be now read

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent the breaking or otherwise injuring Glass Lamps in the City of New York" be now read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that the Honoble Edward Holland Esqr do carry the said Bill with the Amendments thereto to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the Bill with the said amendments to which they desire their concurrence.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled "An Act further to continue an Act entituled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycense" and the Bill Entituled, "An Act to fix and ascertain the place for Elections of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly for the County of Westchester, be now read the third time.

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, that the Honoble William Johnson Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow 3 o clock P: Meridiem

Wednesday, the sixth day of November 1751. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled "An Act to enable the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to raise a Tax for mending & keeping in repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the South of Fresh Water and other the purposes therein mentioned" was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Honoble James Alexander Esqr took his seat

The Bill Entituled "An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors" and the Bill Entituled "An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages were read the second time &

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled "An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Ulster" was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee (The Speaker having first left the Chair) on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony."

The Bill Entituled "An Act to enable the Supervisors of Richmond County to raise the sum of sixty pounds to build a dwelling House adjoining to the Goal of said County for the Residence of the Keeper of said Goal" and

The Bill Entituled, An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony for one whole year to commence from the first day of January next."

The Committee having gone through the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills and directed him to Report them without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And the said Bills

Ordered a third Reading

Then the Council adjourned til Friday morning 11 o clock

Friday, the eighth day of November, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards Supporting the Government of this Colony."

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Supervisors of Richmond County to raise the sum of Sixty pounds for building a dwelling House adjoining to the Goal of said County for the Residence of the Keeper of said Goal" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony for one whole year to commence from the first day of January next" be now read the third time

Then the said three Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Joseph Murray Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without Amendment. As also that the Council have passed the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the better clearing and further laying out publick High Roads in the County of Ulster" without Amendment

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Verplank with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of sixty six pounds in the City and County of New York for the services therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be read

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned til Tuesday morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the twelfth day of November, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Walton with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent the Breaking or otherwise injuring Glass Lamps in the City of New York" with the amendments made thereto by the Council acquainting the Council that the General Assembly do agree to the said Amendments and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended vizt By striking out the words [any time not exceeding] in the 28th Line of the first page and in the second page last line striking out the word [two] and inserting in its stead the word [three]

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Cornel with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with Respect to the Imprisonment of their persons in the City of New York" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned til to morrow morning 10 o cl.

Wednesday, the 13th *day of November*, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of sixty six pounds in the City & County of New York for the services therein mentioned" And the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons in the City of New York" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Honoble James Alexander Esqr assumed the Chair

The Honoble Joseph Murray Esqr took his seat

The Speaker left the Chair And

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for preventiug Frauds by Mortgages"

The Committee having gone through the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Murray Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same with several Amendments which he read in his place and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the said Amendments were again Read And

On the Question being put

The Report was agreed to and approved of. And the amendments

Ordered to be Engrossed.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Honoble Joseph Murray Esqr do carry the said Bill with the Amendments, to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the same with those Amendments to which the Council desire their concurrence.

The Speaker left the Chair. And

The Council Resolved themselves into a committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors" and having spent some time therein

The Speaker assumed the Chair and

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey Reported that the Committee had made some progress in the said Bill and desire that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, that leave be given accordingly.

Th Council adjourned til to morrow morning 10 o clock.

Thursday, the 14th *day of November*, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey withdrew.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee to consider of the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the South of Fresh Water and other the purposes therein mentioned" The Committee being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Then the Speaker put the Question

Whether the Bill should be read the third time? and

It passed in the negative.

Resolved, that the said Bill be Rejected.

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey and Mr Murray took their seats.

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors" was committed in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same with several amendments which he read in his place and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the said Amendments were again Read and

On the Question being put

The Report was agreed to and approved of and the Amendments

Ordered to be Engrossed and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading as amended.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Cruger with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Road or Highway from the House of John Horne in the Bowry Division of the Outward of the City of New York through Bloomendale Division in the said Ward to the House of Adrian Hoogelandt" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for altering the time of the Annual Meeting of the Supervisors of the County of Ulster" And the Committee being agreed on their Report

The Speaker assumed the Chair And

Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without Amendmt

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And

On the Question being put

Whether the Bill should be read a third time?

It was passed in the negative.

Then Mr Chief Justice De Lancey moved that the Bill be rejected. And thereupon it was

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morng 11 o cl.

Friday, the fifteenth day of November, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors" be now read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended And

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that the Hono^ble James De Lancey Esqr do carry the said Bill with the amendments to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with those Amendments to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Nicoll with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for vesting in Trustees the sum of three thousand ffour hundred and forty three pounds eighteen shillings raised by way of Lottery for erecting a College within this Colony" desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for amending and keeping in Repair the publick Road or Highway from the House of John Horne in the Bowry Division of the Outward of the City of New York through Bloomendale Division in the said Ward to the House of Adrian Hoogelandt" be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

Mr Chief Justice De Lancey withdrew

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of sixty six pounds in the City and County of New York for the services therein mentioned" be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned til to morrow morn^g 10 o cl.

Saturday, the 16th *day of November*, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Major Philipse with the Bill Entituled "An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors" And the Amendments made thereto by the Council acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments and desire the Bill may be Amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended Which amendments are as follow vizt

Page.	Line.	
1	20	After the word Affirmation insert [in cases where by Law an Affirmation is allowed]
2	14	Strike out the word [deliver] and insert in its stead [return]
2	18	Leave out the words [receiving such Inventory and Return signed] and instead of them insert [issuing such Warrant or Warrants]
3	3	Strike out the words [of the seizure of his her or their Estates or Effects]
3	23	Strike out the words [of the seizure of his her or their Estate]
4	7	After the word [thereof] insert [by publick outcry after fourteen days publick Notice]
4	18	After the last word insert [after the said first publick notice]
6	6	After the word [Meeting] insert [or other Subsequent Meeting necessary for that purpose to be continued by adjournments]
6	14	Strike out the words [be subject and lyable to]
6	15	Strike out the words [the said judges of] and the words [or any one of them if required]
6	17	After the word [hereof] insert [to be filed in the said Court]
6	21	Before the word Sufficient, Insert [deemed as near as may be]
6	22	After the word, seized, insert the words [together with the overplus money if any there be]

After the second clause in page 7 insert the following clauses vizt

Provided always that where Warrants have issued from the Judges both of the Supreme and Inferior Courts That then and in that case the Judges of the Supreme Court or any one of them shall award a Writ or Writs of Certiorari to the Judges of the Inferior Courts to remove and return the proceedings there, to the Judges of the Supreme Court that they may proceed on both Warrants or either of them.

And Be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Judge or Judges granting Warrants pursuant to this Act shall make Report thereof to the next Court of which he or they is or are Judge or Judges and of the Notice thereon ordered; of the publication of the Notice and of all other things required of them by this act to be done out of Court and cause that report to be entered in the minutes of the Court to be evidence of the facts so reported

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Trustees to be appointed by virtue of this Act shall take an Oath or Affirmation, in cases where by Law an Affirmation is allowed, well and truly to execute the Trust reposed in them according to the best of their skill and understanding. Which Oath or Affirmation the Judge or Judges appointing the said Trustees is and are hereby required to administer

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Trustees to be appointed by this Act shall be subject to such orders and directions as shall from time to time be made in the Supreme Court for the more effectual putting the Powers in this Act in Execution. Or in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas where the Warrant issued from the Judges of such Courts.

The Hono^ble James De Lancey Esqr took his seat

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Snedeker with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying and discharging several Demands made on this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r Le Count and Mr Renselaer with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the payment of the Salaries and Services of the Government until the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty two" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Mr Janse with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Piere Vallarde, Mary Elizabeth Vallarde, Mary Elizabeth Colonge Widow of Disleau, Johannes Cossman and Ernst Houtschilt."

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the City of New York" And the Bill Entituled, "An Act for mending and keeping in Repair the Publick Road or Highway from the House of John Horne in the Bowry Division of the Outward of the City of New York through Bloomendale Division in the said Ward to the House of Adrian Hogelandt."

The Committee having gone through the said Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And the Bills

Ordered a third reading.

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being Severally put

Resolved, that the said two Bills do pass.

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment. And that the Council have also passed without Amendment the Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise, levy and collect the sum of sixty six pounds in the City and County of New York for the services therein mentioned

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for vesting in Trustees the sum of three thousand four hundred and forty three pounds eighteen shillings raised by way of Publick Lottery for erecting a Colledge within this Colony," be now read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council observing that there is not any of the publick Money applyed for the management of Indian Affairs, in the Bill now before the Board Entituled, "An Act for the payment of the Salaries and Services of the Government until the first day of September 1752." It is

Ordered, that a Bill be brought in for that purpose, and that Mr Alexander prepare and bring in the same

Then the Council adjourned til Monday morning 11 o cl

Monday, the eighteenth day of November, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying and discharging several Demands made on this Colony" was read the second time and thereupon

Ordered, that the Hono^ble William Johnson Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council desire the House would communicate to the Council, the several Accounts laid before the House, upon which the several allowances have been made in the Bill brought up to the Council Entituled, "An Act for paying and discharging several Demands made on this Colony;" and the vouchers for the said Accounts: Together with the several other accounts recommended by his Excellency to the General Assembly this Session, and the vouchers respecting them.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the payment of the Salaries and Services of the Government until the first day of September 1752" And

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Piere Vallarde, Mary Elizabeth Vallarde, Mary Elizabeth Colonge Widow of Disleau, Johannes Cossman and Ernst Houtschilt" be read the second time.

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Mr Alexander according to order, laid before the Council a Bill Entituled, "An Act for applying the sum of for the management of Indian Affairs."

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for vesting in Trustees the sum of three thousand four hundred and forty three pounds eighteen shillings raised by way of Lottery for erecting a Colledge within this Colony."

The Committee having gone through the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with amendments which he read in his place and then delivered the same with the Bill in at the Table Where the Amendments were again read and

On the Question being put,

The Report was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the Bill read the third time as amended.

The Council adjourned til three o clock in the afternoon

Monday, the 18th day of November, 1751. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, That the Bill Entituled, "An Act for vesting in Trustees the sum of three thousand four hundred & forty three pounds eighteen shillings raised by way of Lottery for erecting a Colledge within this Colony" be now read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Edward Holland Esqr do carry the said Bill with the amendments, to the General Assembly, and acquaint them that the Council have passed the Bill with those amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and Col Beekman with a Resolve of the House in these words vizt

"The House according to order proceeded to the consideration of the Message from the Council touching the communicating to them the several Accounts laid before the House in this Session.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente that as this demand of the Council is of a very extraordinary Nature and appears as yet unprecedented, the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next meeting of the House after the first day of May next.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Walton and Major Philipse, with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for vesting in Trustees the sum of three thousand four hundred and forty three pounds eighteen shillings raised by way of Lottery for erecting a College within this Colony" and the amendments made thereto by the Council acquaint^g the Council that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended agreeable to the said amendments which are as follow.

Page.	Line.	
2	3	Strike out the words [president of his Majesty's Council] and instead thereof insert [the eldest Councillor residing in this Colony]
2	5	After the word, Court, insert the words [the Mayor of the City of New York and the Treasurer of this Colony]
2	10	Strike out the words [receiving and taking into their Hands] and instead thereof insert the word [managing]
2	13	Strike out the word, receiving, and in its stead insert the word [managing]
2	19	After the word Trustees, insert [and the major part of them and of the survivors of them]
3		At the end of the 11th Line insert the words [rendring the Rent to the Treasurer of this Colony for the time being for the use and purpose aforesaid]
3	9	After the word, Trustees, insert [and the major part of them and of the survivors of them]
3	14	After the word "directed" strike out the rest of the Clause which ends with the fourth Line of Page 4 and insert instead thereof these words [to pay to the Borrowers such sum and sums of the money aforesaid from time to time as shall be specifyed in the securities by them to be given with the consent of the Major part of the Trustees aforesaid or of the survivors of them which securities shall be in the names of two or more of the Trustees aforesaid consenting With Conditions for the payment of the money and Interest therefrom arising to the Treasurer of this Colony for the time being for the use and purpose aforesaid And such securities given as aforesaid shall be to the said Treasurer good vouchers and Discharges for the sums paid thereon by him and therein mentioned]
4	12	After the word [Trustees] insert [and every of them]

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled "An Act for applying the sum of for the management of Indian Affairs" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and the Council Resolved into a Committee on the said Bill, and the Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Piere Vallarde, Mary Elizabeth Vallarde, Mary Elizabeth Colonge, widow of Disleau, Johannes Cossman and Ernst Houtschilt."

The Committee having gone through the said two Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Alexander Reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill Entituled, "An Act for applying the sum of for the management of Indian Affairs" altered the title, added several clauses, & made other Amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same were again read and the Report

On the Question being put, agreed to and approved of And the Bill with the Amendments

Ordered to be Engrossed

Mr Holland Reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Piere Vallarde, Mary Elizabeth Vallarde, Mary Elizabeth Colonge Widow of Disleau, Johannes Cossman & Ernst Houtschilt" and directed him to Report the same without Amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of. And the Bill *Ordered* a third reading.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Council adjourned til to morrow morning 10 o cl

Tuesday, the 19th *day of November*, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council taking into consideration the Message from the General Assembly brought to the Council yesterday by Mr Richard and Col: Beekman
Resolved, That it is the undoubted Right of the Council, to see the Accounts and Vouchers of them, for the payment of which any sum is to be taken from his Majesty's Revenue, and to the payment of which their Consent is necessary.
Resolved, that the Council will not proceed on the Bill now before them, Entituled, "An Act for paying and discharging several Demands made on this Colony" until the Accounts and Vouchers for the sums to be paid by virtue of the said bill shall appear before them
Ordered, that these resolutions be communicated to the General Assembly and that the Honoble Edward Holland Esqr do carry the same to the House.
The engrossed Bill Entituled, "An Act for Applying the sum of five hundred pounds for the management of Indian affairs and for repairing the Garrison at Oswego" was read the third time and
On the Question being put.
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that the Honoble William Johnson do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and desire their concurrence thereto
The Council adjourned til to morrow morng 11 o clock.

Wednesday the 20th *day of November*, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and services of the Government until the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty two.
The Committee having gone through the same and being ready to make their Report thereon
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the said report be made immediately.
Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved And the Bill *Ordered* a third Reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that the Hono^ble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment. And also that the Council have passed the Bill Entituled, "An Act for naturalizing Piere Vallarde, Mary Elizabeth Vallarde, Mary Elizabeth Colonge, Widow of Disleau, Johannes Cossman and Ernst Houtschilt" without any amendment.
The Council adjourned til Friday morning 10 o cl

Friday, the 22^d day of November, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker laid before the Council an Address from the General Assembly to his Excellency, and a Letter from the Indian Interpreter of the 15th Instant which the Speaker informed the Council, his Excellency had desired him to lay before them, and to acquaint them that upon the General Assembly's presenting their Address, he told them, before he could give any answer thereto, he thought proper to communicate it to the Council.
And the said Address and Letter being read
Ordered, that the said Address and the purport of the said Letter be entered in the Minutes which are as follow.

To his Excellency the Honourable GEORGE CLINTON, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Colony of New-York, and Territories thereon depending in America, Vice Admiral of the same, and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet.

The humble ADDRESS of the General Assembly of the said Colony.

May it please your Excellency,
We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of the Colony of New-York, beg Leave to set before your Excellency, in a clear Light, several Matters which have been the Subject of our Deliberations, in the Course of our present Session: some of which may have been mistaken, and others perhaps, misrepresented to your Excellency.
We shall begin, Sir, on the Subject of Indian Affairs. Your Excellency knows, that this Colony has very lately been at the Expence of, One Thousand Pounds, to settle Matters of that Kind on such a Foundation, as might render the Designs of those who should attempt to draw the Indians in Alliance with his Majesty from their Attachment to the British Interest, fruitless and abortive; and we hope the Use your Excellency made of that Sum, for attaining this great and salutary End, has not been without Success; but are sorry to find that after this extraordinary Expence, the State of the Indian Affairs still requires a further Aid.
We are, Sir, sincerely sorry, to have Occasion to suggest our Apprehensions, that this unsettled Condition of those Affairs, (perpetually demanding new and repeated Supplies to settle and adjust them) proceeds from some Defect of Attention, or Misconduct in those who have of late Years been intrusted with their Management. And we freely acknowledge to your Excellency, that from hence arises our Backwardness to make Provision for Matters of this Kind. For, whilst we are under Apprehensions that what we are desired to give, will not be usefully employed in the Service for which it is required, we cannot answer it either to ourselves, or to our Constituents, to give any Thing at all. Your Excellency knows how desirous we have been for settling those Matters, and what Steps have been taken for that Purpose, and with how little Success they have been attended: An we here beg Leave to assure your Excellency, that when this Matter is put on such a Foundation that we can have just Reason to expect that the Provision which may be made, will be faithfully and advantagiously imployed for attaining the End designed, we shall then chearfully make a suitable Provision for those Purposes.
Your Excellency may observe, that there is no Provision made for repairing the Trading House at Oswego. This was occasioned by the Want of proper Estimates, without which no Judgement could be formed of the Expence necessary for these Repairs. And as the Season of

the Year, and the Distance of the Place, seems to render any Performance of that Kind, at present, impracticable, we presume that a proper Estimate may be procured, and a suitable Provision made, long before the Season of the Year will permit any Thing of that Kind to be carried into Execution.

You may also observe, Sir, by the Journal of our Proceedings, that there is a Contest subsisting between us and the Council, which affects the Bill passed by us for paying the Debts still due from this Colony. The Bill, tho' proceeded upon, and passed by us in the same Manner with other Bills of the like kind, they absolutely refuse to proceed upon, until we shall lay before them the several Accounts on which the Allowances in that Bill are founded. This is a Demand which appears as yet altogether unprecedented, and which we conceive they have no Right to make on us, and which we cannot comply with without betraying the Trust reposed in us; and therefore, if the Persons to whom those Allowances are made payable, are delayed in their respective Demands, it must be laid to the Charge of those who are the Cause of that Delay.

We now beg Leave to intreat your Excellency, to give your Assent to such of the Bills prepared for it, as your Excellency shall approve of; and that your Excellency will then be pleased to permit us to return to our respective Families, during the Winter Season.

The tender Regard which your Excellency has always professed to have for the People committed to your Care, persuades us that your Excellency will not deny this our reasonable Request, the apparent Consequences of which, will be their receiving the Advantage of the Bills intended for their Benefit, and their being eased of the Expence that must unavoidably arise from the continued Attendance of their Representatives here.

By Order of the General Assembly,
David Jones, Speaker.

City of New York
November 20th 1751

The Letter to his Excellency from Arent Stephens the Indian Interpreter is in substance as follows.

That he had received his Excellency's Directions with the Letters inclosed and immediately sent an Express to Captain Butler to let him know his Excellency's sentiments regarding him. That it has been usual on any weighty affair for the Six Nations to meet at Onondaga and therefore some of the Chiefs of the Mohawks &c ought to go with him and that he must send an Express to the Cahugas & Senecas to meet at Onondagah. Neither can he speak to them without a Belt of Wampum on each Message and that he hopes the Assembly will consider this necessary expence.

That the Mohawk Indians have been in a great alarm occasioned by the French and their Indians accusing them of murdering five French Indians last Summer on their hunting place upon which the French sent to the Mohawks signifying that if they did not immediately go to Canada and make up the Affair, they and their Indians would come and destroy them. That the Mohawks having made enquiry into the matter found the Murder was committed by some River Indians and sent some Sachems to the Carrying place to assure the French Indians of their Innocence and by what Indians the murder was committed And to assure the French Governour they would send some Sachims at New Year to clear themselves of this Accusation and to ask pardon of him for the Injuries done by Hendrick against them.

Ordered, that the said Address to his Excellency from the General Assembly be referred to a Committee of the Council. That the said Committee do prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented to his Excellency in answer thereto. And that Mr Alexander, Mr Kennedy and Mr Holland be a Committee for that purpose.

Then the Committee desired the Speaker to give his assistance in preparing the said Address.

The Council adjourned til to morrow morng 10 o'clock.

Saturday, the 23d *day of November*, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment

Present — *The Honoble* Cadwallader Colden, Esqr, Speaker,

James Alexander,
Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Edward Holland, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Holland from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Excellency, reported that the committee had accordingly prepared a Draft of the said Address,

which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table where the same being again read, was

On the Question being put, agreed to and approved of. And

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Council adjourned til 3 o clock P^t Merid.

Saturday, the 23^d day of November, 1751. P^t Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and approved of.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the said Address.

Then the Speaker signed the same accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy and Col Johnson do wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be attended on with the Council's Address.

Then the said Gentlemen withdrew; and being returned, Reported that they had waited on his Excellency with the above Message, And that his Excellency had been pleased to appoint immediately

The Speaker left the Chair and the Council went to the Fort to present their Address to his Excellency

The Council being returned the Speaker resumed the Chair; and reported that having attended his Excellency and presented to him the Council's Address, His Excellency had been pleased to return an Answer thereto. Which the Speaker delivered in at the Table. And the said Answer being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow. vizt

To his Excellency the Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governor in Chief of the province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of the Colony of New York, beg leave to return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for laying before us, the Address of the General Assembly to your Excellency of the twentieth Instant, on which be beg leave to remark to your Excellency:

That on the subject of Indian affairs it is true that one thousand pounds were lately granted for presents to the Indians, at your last interview with them; and several of us were witnesses of the distribution of the presents to the Indians at that time. We are also informed that your Excellency laid a particular Account of the Disposition of that sum of Money before the Assembly in the present Session; and we have not heard of any objection made to that Account.

As to the state of the Indian Affairs still requiring a further aid; We beg leave to observe, That it has been usual in time of peace, to allow at the rate of four hundred pounds a year, for presents to the Indians, and at the Rate of one hundred and fifty pounds a year for the expence of the Governors going to Albany, to have an interview with them. But the Assembly of this Colony have made no provision for this usual expence, ever since the year 1745 except the grant of the said one thousand pounds and of one hundred and fifty pounds at the same time for your Excellency's voyage to Albany. In time of peace for six years the said usual rate would have amounted to three thousand three hundred pounds; so that in these six years last past, the provision made for that particular service, concerning Indian Affairs, falls two thousand one hundred and fifty pounds short of what had been usually provided in time of Peace; tho several years of that time, was while this Colony was in actual War with the French of Canada and their Indians.

We beg leave further to observe, that in time of Peace the usual allowance to Commissioners for managing Indian affairs, was one hundred and ninety pounds yearly; and in the years 1745, and 1746, it was something more; But since the year 1746, no allowance has been made as yet by the Assembly, for that service; which since 1746, amounts to nine hundred and fifty pounds;

so that in these last six years, this province has contributed less than usual in time of peace, upon the said two Articles of Indian Affairs, the sum of three thousand one hundred pounds.

We are likewise informed, that it has been usual on the conclusion of a peace, for the Governor of this province, to have an interview with the six Nations, to take out of their hands the Hatchet which he had delivered them at the beginning of the War; to thank them for their Assistance, and to make them presents on that occasion, which your Excellency was not enabled to do by Reason that the Assembly made no provision at that time, for this, or the usual Expence, attending the Management of Indian Affairs.

That there is great reason to apprehend, that these neglects have been of great prejudice to the British Interest at a time when the French are omitting no means in their power, with a great Expence, to withdraw the Affections of the Indians from us; and of which your Excellency has laid before the Assembly in this present Session, the repeated Informations which you had received.

We find by the Minutes of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs and Letters between your Excellency and them, in the beginning of the year 1746, that they did not effect sundry matters which your Excellency required of them, and thought absolutely necessary for defeating the Intrigues of the French with our Indians; whereby your Excellency was obliged to employ other persons to do those things; which accordingly were successfully effected by those other Persons — These Things with the repeated requests of the then Commissioners of Indian Affairs to be discharged, rendered it necessary for your Excellency to Employ others for the management of Indian Affairs in their Room.

Col: Johnson the person chiefly employed since by your Excellency, we are well assured has managed the Indian Affairs with great prudence and success, and has advanced large sums of money on that service, the Accounts whereof have been from time to time laid before the General Assembly, a great part whereof stil remains unpaid and unprovided for: and the Non Payment of those Monies has laid him under the necessity (as he informs us) of declining that service for some months past.

We are sorry to find the management of Indian Affairs censured in the manner it is in the Assembly's said Address; and think it must be a great hardship to the Officers of the Government, to have their actions and Conduct censured in such a manner, that no other answer can be given but that of a bare negative, and to be deprived of all means of legally justifying themselves against such censures — It must tend greatly to weaken the Administration, when the most Innocent may be equally exposed with the most Guilty, to the prejudices and bad impressions made by such means on the minds of the good people of this Colony.

And we think it our duty as far as in us lies, to protect and support the Officers of the Government, while they execute their Offices with Diligence and Integrity; so on the other hand, we shall be as solicitous to bring them to Justice, whenever properly charged with misconduct or any misdemeanor; and if found Guilty, that they shall suffer a censure adequate to their offences.

As to the steps mentioned in the Assemblys Address, to have been taken, for setling these matters, we Suppose they mean the Private Messages to your Excellency concerning the nomination of Commissioners for Indian Affairs — The Advice which we gave your Excellency on those occasions, appears on our minutes, and was communicated by your Excellency to the Assembly.

His Majesty has intrusted the advising your Excellency, in the nomination to Offices, with the Council; and we ought as carefully to preserve the Constitution of Government in securing our own priviledges, by that Constitution, as by not invading those of others. Some of the Council always attend the Governour at his interviews with the Indians — All the Transactions with the Indians are usually communicated to the Council and thereby they are better qualifyed to advise in these Matters, than its probable the Members of the Assembly can be — But at this time we think, that more than usual care ought to be taken in the choice of Persons for the management of Indian Affairs, not only by reason of the great pains at this time taken by the French to our prejudice, but likewise on Account of a Trade carried on from Albany to Canada, which we are of opinion is greatly prejudicial to the British Interest; and therefore that it highly concerns the British Interest, that no person engaged in that Trade with Canada, be employed in the management of the Indian Affairs.

We are humbly of opinion that the Reasons given by the Assembly for their not providing the necessary supplies for the repairing the Garrison at Oswego, are not satisfactory. Because the repairs wanting, more particularly set forth in the certificates concerning that matter, laid before the Assembly; and Because, as none reside at Oswego, except the Officers, Soldiers and Traders, it is probable none of them may be capable of making a proper estimate of the Expenses necessary for those Repairs. The season of the year will not permit any proper person to go at this time for that purpose, and if delayed till Spring, must unavoidably delay the necessary Repairs, perhaps till the season next year will not permit them to be made, unless the Assembly be called for that purpose only, which would occasion a greater Expence to the Colony than these Repairs can amount to. And we are humbly of opinion, that if the Assembly had given their Consent to the Bill which the Council sent to them, for issuing Money for that purpose, Materials for the Repairs might have been provided in this Winter Season, and the Repairs made

with the greatest Expedition possible; and the Colony could not have suffered thereby, as the whole of the sum proposed to be issued for this purpose, was not to exceed two hundred pounds; and if a less sum were found sufficient, no more was to be issued than should be found necessary, and even that to be accounted for on oath, to the Governour, Council and General Assembly.

We must express our surprize, at the reflections the Assembly make on our desiring them to communicate to us the Accounts and Vouchers, for the payment of which large sums of money were to be issued from the Treasury, and to which the consent of the Council is necessary. And we must inform your Excellency, that this matter is not truely set forth in the Assembly's Address. We hope it was by mistake. For our first Message was in the following words "That the Council desire the House would communicate to them, the several accounts laid before the House, upon which the several allowances have been made in the Bill brought up to the Council Entitled, An Act for paying and discharging several Demands made on this Colony; and the vouchers for the said Accounts, together with the several other Accounts recommended by his Excellency, to the General Assembly, this Session, and the vouchers respecting them."

Our second Message was in the following words

"*Resolved*, that it is the undoubted Right of the Council to see the Accounts and vouchers of them, for the payment of which any sum is to be taken from his Majesty's Revenue, and to the payment of which their consent is necessary.

"*Resolved*, that the Council will not proceed on the Bill now before them Entituled, 'An Act for paying and discharging several Demands made on this Colony' until the Accounts and Vouchers for the sums to be paid by virtue of said Bill shall appear before them"

If the Assembly had been pleased to communicate the Accounts and Vouchers, we might have proceeded on that Bill, so that the creditors, many of which, as we believe, are absent at a great distance, might have received the money due to them, without the delay and trouble of making out new Accounts, and procuring new vouchers. For the Accounts and vouchers it cannot be denied we have a Right to see and examine. We never demanded the Accounts as a matter of Right from the Assembly.

The Council, by the Kings Commission and Instructions, are peculiarly intrusted with the issuing of all money, granted to his Majesty by the General Assembly of this Colony; and we think it inconsistent with the British Constitution, that any Branch of the Legislature should yield a blind submission to the Judgment or opinion of the other.

Before we leave your Excellency, we beg leave to express our great concern, for the Assembly's not having made the necessary provision for Indian Affairs, at a time when it was scarcely ever so much wanted to oppose the indefatigable endeavours and Intrigues of the French; by which, not only the safety of this Colony but of all the Colonies in North America, may be in great danger. We hope your Excellency will be perswaded, that the Council of this Colony have done all in their power to prevent the mischiefs which may ensue from such neglect.

The Assembly expresses a great desire, that your Excellency would please to dismiss them; that they may return to their Families during the Winter season. We therefore have made all the dispatch in our power, in making this Address; tho' we are sensible how much more time is necessary to represent the matters which are the subject of it, in the manner it truly deserves, that your Excellency may have it in your power to express your Regard for the ease of every Individual under your Care; and therefore we hope your Excellency will excuse any inaccuracies, into which we may have inadvertently fallen.

By order of the Council
CADWALLADER COLDEN Speaker

Council Chamber City of New York
the 23d November 1751

His Excellency's ANSWER,

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this Address. You may be assured, that I shall have a due Regard to the contents thereof

G. CLINTON.

Fort George 23d November 1751

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

Then the Council adjourned til Monday morning at 10 o clock

Monday, the twenty fifth day of November, 1751.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esq^rs

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Holland moved that the Bill passed by the Council, and sent down to the General Assembly for their concurrence, Entituled, "An Act for applying the sum of five hundred pounds for the management of Indian Affairs, and for repairing the garison at Oswego" be ordered by the Council to be printed.

Which Motion being seconded

On the Question being put, passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, that the said Bill be printed accordingly.

His Excellency being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Dep^y Secretary to require their immediate Attendance. And the House Attending accordingly

His Excellency in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly, was then pleased to give his assent to the following Bills vizt

"An Act to prevent the breaking or otherwise injuring glass Lamps in the City of New York."

" An Act further to continue An Act intituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycense."

"An Act to fix and ascertain the place for Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly for the County of Westchester."

"An Act for the better clearing and further laying publick High roads in the County of Ulster."

"An Act to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony."

"An Act to enable the Supervizors of Richmond County to raise the sum of sixty pounds for building a dwelling House adjoining to the Goal of said County for the residence of the Keeper of said Goal."

"An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, for one whole year to commence from the first day of January next."

"An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors."

An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of sixty pounds on the City and County of New York for the services therein mentioned."

An Act for the relief of insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons in the City of New York."

"An Act for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Road or Highway, from the House of John Horne, in the Bowry Division, of the Outward of the City of New York, through the Bloomendale Division in the said Ward, to the House of Adrian Hoogelandt."

"An Act for vesting in Trustees the sum of three thousand four hundred and forty three pounds eighteen shillings raised by way of Lottery for erecting a College within this Colony."

"An Act for the payment of the Salaries and services of the Government until the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty two," and

An Act for naturalizing Piere Vallarde, Mary Elizabeth Vallarde, Mary Elizabeth Colonge Widow of Disleau, Johannes Cossman and Ernst Houtschilt."

Then the said fourteen Acts were published in the usual manner And his Excellency, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to DISSOLVE the General Assembly.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVII., 33.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS in pursuance of his Majesty's Writts bearing date the *ninth* day of *January* last the Representatives to be chosen by virtue of the said Writs are to be and appear at the City of *New York* on *Tuesday* the *twenty fifth* day of *February* Instant to assist in a General Assembly to be then and there held for the said province I have thought fit to prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *thirty first* day of *March* next ensuing And I do by virtue of the power and Authority to me granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the great seal of *Great Britain* hereby accordingly prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *thirty first* day of *March* next then to meet and proceed on business Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fifteenth* day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two and in the *twenty fifth* year of his Majesty's Reign

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVII., 34.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *thirty first* day of this Instant then to meet and proceed on Business. And whereas the Small pox is now spreading in this City and likely to become general And many of the Representatives chosen and returned to serve in the said General Assembly have not had that Distemper Wherefore to avoid the Danger of meeting here at the said time I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly and I do by virtue of the power and Authority to me granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty eighth* day of *April* next ensuing. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fourteenth* day of *March* in the year of our Lord 1752 and in the *twenty fifth* year of his Majesty's Reign

G. CLINTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D. Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVII., 37.]

By His Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *twenty eighth* day of this Instant. I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly And I do by virtue of the Power and Authority to me granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty sixth* day of *May* next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *tenth* day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two and of his Majesty's Reign the *twenty fifth*.

G. CLINTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D. Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVII., 41.]

By His Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *twenty sixth* day of this Instant. I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly. And I do by virtue of the Power and Authority to me granted by His Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *thirtyeth* day of *June* next ensuing of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fourteenth* day of *May* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two, and of His Majesty's Reign the twenty fifth

G. CLINTON.

By His Excellencys Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVII., 49.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *thirtieth* day of this Instant. I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly; and I do by virtue of the power and authority to me granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fourteenth* day of *July* next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twelfth* day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty sixth

G. CLINTON

By His Excellency's Command
Gw. Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVII., 49.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *fourteenth* day of *July* next I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly: And I do by virtue of the power and authority to me granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty eighth* of *July* next ensuing of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty seventh* day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two and of his Majesty's reign the twenty sixth

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw. Banyar, *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVII., 51.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON, Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon Depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *twenty eighth* day of this Instant I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly And I Do by virtue of the Power and Authority to me granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great seal of *Great Britain* Hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *eleventh* day of *August* next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixteenth* day of *July* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two, and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty sixth

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw. Banyar *D Secry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXVII., 55.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *eleventh* day of *August* next I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly And I Do by virtue of the power and authority to me Granted by his Majesty's Letters patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* Hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty fifth* day of *August* next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirty first* day of *July* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two. And of his Majesty's Reign the twenty sixth

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw. Banyar *D Secry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXVII., 56]

By his Excellency

The Honorable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province (L. S.) of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this province stands prorogued to the *twenty fifth* day of *August* Instant. I have thought fit by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council further to prorogue the said General Assembly And I do by virtue of the power and Authority to me Granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *twelfth* day of *October* next ensuing: of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty first* day of *August* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty Sixth

G. CLINTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXVII., 57.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governor in Chief of the (L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *twelfth* day of *October* next I have thought fit by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to prorogue the said General Assembly and I do by virtue of the Power and Authority to me granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Monday* the *twenty third* day of *October* next then to meet at the House of Jacob Dyckman near *Harlem* in the Outward of the City of *New York* to proceed upon Business Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty Sixth

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVII., 58.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of our fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to this day to meet at the House of Jacob Dyckman near *Harlem* in the Outward of the City of *New York* to proceed upon Business I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly And I do by virtue of the power and Authority to me granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty fourth* day of *October* Instant to meet at the House of Jacob Dyckman above mentioned of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty third* day of *October* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty Sixth.

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ASSEMBLY FIRST SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the House of Jacob Dyckman in the Outward of the City of* New York, *on* Tuesday *the twenty fourth day of* October, *one thousand seven hundred and fifty two, in the twenty sixth year of the* Reign *of* King George *the* Second.

His Excellency having on the 25th day of November last been pleased to dissolve the late General Assembly and Writts being issued for electing Representatives to serve in General Assembly returnable on Tuesday the twenty fifth day of February last The said General Assembly was afterwards by sundry Proclamations prorogued to this day

And the Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency the Governour being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of such of the members of the General Assembly who had been qualified And nineteen of the members appearing accordingly

His Excellency was pleased to direct them to return to the Assembly Chamber and choose a Speaker and present him to his Excellency immediately for his approbation.

The members of the General Assembly being returned, presented David Jones Esqr as their Speaker to his Excellency for his Approbation.

Which Choice his Excellency was pleased to approve of.

Then the said David Jones Esqr after a short Apology for himself, desired his Excellency in behalf of the House that their Words and Actions might constantly have a favourable construction. That the members might from time to time have free Access to his Excellency and that they and their servants might be priviledged and protected as usual.

Which his Excellency was pleased to grant.

His Excellency then made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

And his Excellency having left the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be Read.

Which being Read accordingly It is

Ordered, that the same be entered in the minutes and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

As Sundry Acts which greatly concern the Trade and Welfare of this Province, will by their own Limitation, expire the first day of January next; I have appointed this Meeting with you, to give you an opportunity, either to continue those Acts or provide other ways in the place of them.

The State of the Indian Affairs, and of the Frontier Forts and Fortifications in general, require your most serious consideration, timely provision, and aid — I shall by the Deputy Secretary, lay before you, the informations I have had concerning them.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

The season of the year will naturally lead you to make Provision for the support of his Majesty's Government.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

I assure you that whatever Bills you shall agree on for the Benefit of this Province, consistent with my Duty to pass shall most readily have my Assent.

G. CLINTON

City of New York 24th October 1752

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be printed.

Then Mr Chambers moved that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency upon the subject matter of his Speech.

Which motion being seconded and agreed to

Ordered, that an humble address be presented to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy, and Mr Chambers be a Committee to prepare a Draft of the said Address.

Then the Council adjourned til Wednesday Morning 11 o clock at the City Hall of the City of New York.

City Hall, New York, Wednesday, the 25th day of October, 1752.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Excellency presented the same to the Council which was Read and

On the Question being put, was agreed to and approved

Ordered, that the Address be engrossed.

The Council adjourned till 9 o clock to morrow morning.

Thursday, the 26th day of October, 1752.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency was Read and

Ordered to be signed by the Speaker. And the Speaker having signed the same

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy and Mr Chambers do wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Council's Address.

Then the said Gentlemen withdrew, and being returned, Reported that they had attended his Excellency with the above Message, And that his Excellency was pleased to appoint to morrow morning at 11 o clock, at the House of Benjamin Benson in the Outward of the City of New York.

The Council adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock to meet at the House of the said Benjamin Benson.

Harlem, Outward of the City of New York. Fryday the 27th day of October, 1752.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Then the Speaker left the Chair and with the Council went to present their Address to his Excellency and being Returned.

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Reported that having attended his Excellency and presented to him the Council's Address His Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto And the Same being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the minutes which are as follow vizt

To His Excellency the Honorable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

The humble ADDRESS of his Majesty's Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Council of the Province of New York beg leave to return your Excellency our hearty thanks for your favourable Speech

We are truly sensible of the Importance of those several Acts which will expire on the first of January next, and shall readily join in the continuance of them or in making any other proper Provision in their place.

Your Excellency's former care of Indian Affairs and Fortifications, and your now hearty Recommendation of them, shew your regard and concern for the Good and Safety of this Province, in providing for which we hope no time will be lost, and assure your Excellency of our hearty concurrence in every proper measure for that purpose.

We likewise return your Excellency our humble thanks for your kind assurances of giving your ready Assent to all such Bills as may be offered for the Benefit of this Province.

By order of the Council
JAMES ALEXANDER Chairman.

Council Chamber City of New York
26th October 1752

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen of the Council

I heartily thank you for this Address, and for the sense you express of my Care and Regard for the Good and safety of this Province, for which my best endeavours shall be continued.

G. CLINTON.

City of New York
27th October 1752.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

Then the Council adjourned to Wednesday next at three o clock P: Merid^m to meet at the City Hall of the City of New York.

City Hall, New York. Wednesday, the first day of November, 1752.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Lancey and Mr Filkin with the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard and Captain Dow, with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to Regulate the Gauging of Rum Brandy and other Distilled Liquors and Molasses and other purposes therein mentioned" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Walton and Captain Dow with the Bill Entituled "An Act to prevent damages by swine in the Manor of Livingston" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said three Bills be Read.

Then the said three Bills were Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned til to Morrow 3 o clock P^t M^dm

Thursday, the 2d day of November, 1752. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Dow and Captain Renselaer with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable flour and the false taring of Bread and flour casks with an Addition thereto" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Richard and Captain Livingston with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for altering the Annual Meeting of the Supervizors of the County of Ulster" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be Read.

Then the said two Bills were Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony"

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, "An Act to regulate the gauging of Rum Brandy and other distilled Liquors and Molasses, and other purposes therein mentioned" And

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston" be now read the second time

Then the said three Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned til to morrow 3 o clock Pt Md

Fryday, the 3d day of November, 1752. *Pt Med.*

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Walton and Captain Dow with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the three Acts therein mentioned, for supporting the Garrison and Trading House at Oswego, with an addition thereto" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard and Mr Cruger with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of New York, for the time being or the Major part of them, to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the Publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the south of Fresh Water, and other the purposes therein mentioned" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be Read.

Then the said two Bills were Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false Taring of Bread and flour Casks with an addition thereto" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for altering the Annual meeting of the Supervizors of the County of Ulster" be now Read the second time

Then the said Bills were Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Mr Chambers took his seat.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony."

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to Regulate the gauging of Rum, Brandy and other distilled Liquors and Molasses, and other purposes therein mentioned" and

The Bill Entituled. An Act to prevent damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston"

The Committee having gone through the said three Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said three Bills, and had directed him to Report the same without Amendment.

Which Report On the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bills

Ordered a third Reading.

Then the said three Bills were Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bills do pass.

Ordered, that the Honoble John Chambers Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without Amendment.

The Council adjourned till Monday 3 o clock P Md

Monday, the 6th day of November, 1752.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the three Acts therein mentioned for Supporting the Garison and Trading House at Oswego with an addition thereto" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to Enable the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, or the major part of them, to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City, to the south of Fresh Water and other the purposes therein mentioned" be Read the second time

Then the said two Bills were Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Honoble James De Lancey Esqr and the Honoble Joseph Murray Esqr took their seats

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Dow and Capt Winne with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to Let to Farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty three to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four. desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable flour and the false taring of Bread and flour Casks with an addition thereto" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for altering the annual meeting of the Supervizors of the County of Ulster."

The Committee having gone through the said two Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills and had directed him to Report them without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being severally put was agreed to and approved of. And the said Bills

Ordered a third Reading.

Then the said two Bills were read the third time and
On the Question being severally put
Resolved, that the said Bills do pass.
Ordered, that the Hono^ble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly, that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.
Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o clock P^t Merd.

Tuesday, the 7th day of November, 1753. (sic.)

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty three, to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four" be now Read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered, to be committed.
The Hono^ble Archibald Kennedy Esqr took his seat
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the three Acts therein mentioned, for supporting the Garison and Trading House at Oswego, with an Addition thereto"
The Committee having gone through the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately
Then Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the said Bill without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third Reading.
Then the said Bill was Read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that the Hono^ble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.
The Council adjourned till to morrow 3 o clock P^t Merd.

Wednesday, the 8th day of November, 1752. P^t M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplanck and Capt Winne with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to confirm the Courts of General Sessions of the peace and Common Pleas held for the County of Richmond on the first Tuesday in October last" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.
Then the said Bill was Read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Mr Verplanck with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the Government until the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty three" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered, a second Reading.

The Honoble James De Lancey Esqr took his Seat.

The Speaker left the Chair, And

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to Let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty three to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four."

The Committe having gone through the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same without Amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Honourable Joseph Murray Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock

Thursday, November the 9th, 1752.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to confirm the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas held for the County of Richmond on the first Tuesday in October last" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and services of the Government until the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty three" be now read the second time.

Then the said two Bills were Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the said two Bills and being ready to make their Report thereon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bills

Ordered a third Reading.

The Council adjourned til 3 o clock Pt Merd.

Thursday, the 9th day of November, 1752. P^t M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to confirm the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, and Common Pleas held for the County of Richmond on the first Tuesday in October last" &

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and services of the Government until the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty three" be now read the third time

Then the said two Bills were Read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that the said two Bills do pass.

Ordered, that the Honourable Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

The Council adjourned til Saturday Morning 11 o clock to meet at the house of Jacob Dykeman in the Outward of the City of New York.

Harlem in the Outward of the City of New York. Saturday the 11th day of November, 1752.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary to require their immediate attendance And the House attending accordingly

His Excellency in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to nine Bills the Titles whereof are as follow:

"An Act further to continue the two Acts therein mentioned, for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony."

"An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to Regulate the gauging of Rum Brandy and other Distilled Liquors and Molasses, and other purposes therein mentioned"

"An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston"

"An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks, with an Addition thereto

"An Act for altering the Annual Meeting of the Supervizors of the County of Ulster"

"An Act to continue the three Acts therein mentioned for supporting the Garrison and Trading House at Oswego with an Addition thereto"

"An Act to let to farm the Excise on Strong Liquors Retailed in this Colony, from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty three, to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four"

"An Act to confirm the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas held for the County of Richmond on the first Tuesday in October last" and

"An Act for the Payment of the salaries and services of the Government until the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty three."

Then the said nine Acts were published in the usual manner. And his Excellency, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber His Excellency was pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly until the first Tuesday in March next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVII., 67.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America*, Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *Sixth* day of *March* next I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly. And I do by virtue of the power and Authority to me Granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *Tenth* day of *Aprill* next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *nineteenth* day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty Sixth.

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVII., 71.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governor in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *tenth* day of *April* next I have thought fit by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to Prorogue the said General Assembly And I do by virtue of the Power and Authority to me granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fifteenth* day of *May* next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *seventeenth* day of *March* in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty three and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty Sixth.

G. CLINTON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVII., 80.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *fifteenth* day of *May* next I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly and I do by virtue of the power and Authority to me granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Monday* the *twenty eighth* day of *May* next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty first* day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty sixth.

G. CLINTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXVII., 81.]

By his Excellency

The Hono^ble GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province of
(L. S.) *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province Stands Prorogued to *Monday* the *twenty eighth* day of *May* next; I have thought fit by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to Prorogue the said General Assembly And I do by virtue of the power and authority to me Granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Wednesday* the *thirtieth* day of *May* next then to meet at the *Court House* at *Jamaica* in Queens County to proceed upon Business of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirtieth* day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty sixth.

G. CLINTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ASSEMBLY SECOND SESSION.

Province of New York } *ss.*

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the said* Province *begun at* Jamaica *in* Queens County *on* Wednesday *the thirtieth day of* May One thousand seven hundred and fifty three *in the Twenty sixth year of* King George *the* Second.

His Excellency the Honourable George Clinton having been pleased on the 11th day of November last to prorogue the General Assembly to the first Tuesday in March following, and by sundry Proclamations from time to time published, to this day to meet at this place

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency being come to the Council Chamber, the Speaker left the Chair, and his Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly, requiring the immediate Attendance of that House

And the House attending accordingly.

His Excellency made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy to the Speaker of the Council, and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly and then returned to his Residence

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Reported that his Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, of which he had obtained a copy, which he delivered in at the Table, where the same was Read and

Ordered to be entered in the minutes and is as follows —

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

I have received some Instructions from the Lords Justices, with a Letter accompanying the same, from the Lords of Trade and Plantations, recommending the considering and revising the Laws of this Province, and in Lieu thereof, to frame and pass a compleat and well digested Body of New Laws. Together with the Copy of an Act, passed in Virginia, for the like Purpose, recommended as a Plan for executing what is proposed by the said Instructions; Copies of which Instructions, Letter and Act, are ready and will be laid before you. This, Gentlemen, is a Matter of great Importance, and may, if duly attended to, be of singular Use and Service to the Province, and as such, I doubt not, but you will readily give it all the Consideration and Dispatch, which the Weight and Nature of the Affair may require.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

As there was a Necessity of Meeting you early, I have (with the Advice of his Majesty's Council) appointed this Place, as being the most convenient, secure and free from the Infection of the Small-Pox, of any we could judge of; for although the City is now said to be almost free from that Distemper, yet to have called you, Gentlemen, at this Season, to that Place, might have given many of you great Uneasiness, if you had found yourselves exposed to any Degree of Danger from the remaining Infection.

You will now, Gentlemen, have an Opportunity of taking into your further Consideration, the State of Indian Affairs, and ruinous Condition of the Trading House at Oswego, frontier Forts and Fortifications in general, and making proper and necessary Provisions for them as well as for settling and discharging the several Accounts and Demands on the Government, which were contracted during the late War, on the publick Faith, and for the Service and Honour of the Province, and particularly by Colonel Johnson, whose Case with the Rest, I earnestly recommend to you: And make no Question, but you will do therein, what is consistent with Honour and Justice.

The Resolution you made at the Close of the last Session, for establishing a Seminary for the Education of Youth within this Colony, is laudable and worthy your diligent Prosecution, and most serious Attention.

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

Some Intrusions have lately been made on the Lands of his Majesty and his Subjects of this Province, whereof sundry Complaints have been made to me, Copies of those Complaints, and of what I have done thereon, shall be laid before you, being well assured, you will use your best Endeavours for the Preservation of his Majesty's Authority and Jurisdiction, to the Extent of the Bounds of this Province, and for the Protection of the Properties of his Majesty and his Subjects within it; and I leave it to you, to consider, whether it may not be expedient that Committees of both Houses should be appointed to meet and concert the most proper Measures to be taken in this Affair, wherein I shall give my best Assistance.

While I continue to have the Honour of representing his Majesty as Governor here, I shall readily and heartily join with you, in doing every Thing in my Power, consistent with my Duty, that may promote the Happiness and Welfare of the good People of this Province.

G. CLINTON.

Jamaica Queens County
30th May 1753.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Then Mr Holland moved that an humble Address might be presented to his Excellency in answer to his Speech

Which motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy and Mr Holland be a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address.

Then the Council adjourned for an hour.

Wednesday, the 30th *day of May*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT as before.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Holland from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Excellency read and presented the same at the Board where the same was again read and agreed to, and

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock to meet at Flushing.

Flushing, Thursday, the 31st *day of May*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and

Ordered to be signed by the Speaker, and

The Speaker having signed the same

Ordered, that Mr Holland wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Council's Address: who being returned Reported, that his Excellency had appointed immediately.

Then the Speaker left the Chair and

With the Council went to present the Council's Address and being Returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Reported

That having attended his Excellency and presented to him the Council's Address, his Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable answer thereto, which being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow —

To His Excellency the Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

The Humble ADDRESS of his Majesty's Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys most dutifull and loyal Subjects, the Council of the Province of New York, beg leave to return your Excellency our most gratefull and sincere thanks for your favourable Speech.

We are fully sensible of the great importance which the reviseing of the old, and passing a complete and well digested Body of new Laws will be to this province, and shall with the utmost willingness do every thing in our power to promote so usefull and beneficial a design, which work will be rendered much easier by the late Edition of the Laws of this Province than otherwise it would have been.

The Intrusions made on the Lands of his Majesty and his Subjects in this Province, of which several complaints have been made to your Excellency may in their consequences greatly endanger the interest and peace of this Colony. And as we are truly sensible that your Excellency has already taken a great deal of pains to prevent the many mischevious effects which may naturally attend such proceedings, so we cannot but acknowledge your goodness and care in laying that matter before the several Branches of the Legislature not doubting but that they will use their best endeavours to support your Excellency therein: assuring your Excellency we shall be ready to join in concerting the most prudent measures to be taken in this affair.

Tis with pleasure we embrace this opportunity to acknowledge our intire confidence in your Excellency's disposition to promote the true interest of the people of this Province, consistent with your duty; and we beg leave to assure you, that we will most readily and heartily join with your Excellency, in every measure suitable and proper to advance the publick happiness and prosperity; to promote the Dignity and authority of his Majesty's Government; and your Excellency's Honour and ease in your administration, while you continue to represent his Majesty as Governour of this Province.

By order of the Council
JAMES ALEXANDER Speaker.

Jamaica in Queens County
31st May 1753.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this kind Address: as it is a great satisfaction to me to have my Conduct and administration meet with your approbation, so I shall with the greatest confidence rely on the continuance of your good advice and Assistance in the discharge of my duty to his Majesty and this Province.

G. CLINTON.

Flushing the 31st May 1753.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

Then the Council adjourned til Monday next 11 o clock to meet at Brookland.

Brookland, in Kings County, Monday, the 4th day of June, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Livingston and Mr Renselaer desiring the Council will appoint a Committee to meet and join a Committee of the General Assembly, to consider of that part of his Excellency Speech which relates to certain Intrusions being made on this Colony by the neighbouring Colonies, and acquainting the Council that on notice of such an appointment by the Council, that House will appoint a Committee accordingly.

Ordered, that the Honourable Archibald Kennedy and Edward Holland Esq^{rs} be a Committee to join the Committee to be appointed by the General Assembly for the purpose mentioned in the above Message, And the Speaker of the Council is also desired to assist at the said Committee.

Ordered, that the said Committees meet at the House of George Burns in the City of New York on Thursday the 7th Instant at 5 o clock in the afternoon.

Ordered, that the Honourable Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly, that the Council have appointed the Hono^{ble} Archibald Kennedy Esqr and himself to be a Committee to join a Committee to be appointed by the General Assembly, to consider of that part of his Excellency's Speech which Relates to certain Intrusions being made on this Colony: That the Speaker of the Council is desired to assist the said Committees and that the said Committees are to meet at the House of George Burns in the City of New York on Thursday the 7th Instant at 5 o clock in the afternoon.

Mr Holland moved for leave to bring in a Bill to revive the Act for regulating the Militia of this Colony which expired on the

Ordered, that leave be given accordingly.

The Council adjourned till Fryday the 8th June 1753 to meet at the Council Chamber in the City of New York.

Council Chamber, City of New York, Fryday, the 8th of June, 1753

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Walton and Mr Watts with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to amend An Act Entituled, An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Then the Council adjourned till Fryday 11 o clock.

Fryday, the 15th day of June, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker.

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Holland presented to the Board a Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive and continue the several Acts therein mentioned for Regulating the Militia of this Colony."

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to amend An Act Entituled, An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony" be Read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Myndertse and Mr Filkin with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a Publick Lottery for a further provision towards founding a Colledge for the advancement of Learning within this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 16th *day of June,* 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a Publick Lottery for a further provision towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony" be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the Second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive and continue the several Acts therein mentioned for Regulating the Militia of this Colony" be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Then the Council adjourned till Monday next at 11 o clock A M.

Monday, the 18th *day of June,* 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive and continue the several Acts therein mentioned for Regulating the Militia of this Colony" and

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Holland from the said Committee Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several amendments thereto, which they directed him to report to the Council, and he read the Report in his place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to by the Council.

Ordered, that the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a Publick Lottery for a further Provision towards founding a Colledge for the advancement of Learning within this Colony" and

The Committee being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Johnson Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read the third time.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to amend An Act Entituled An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony."

The Committee having gone through the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the said Bill

Ordered, a third Reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that the Hono^ble William Johnson Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.
The Engrossed Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive and Continue the several Acts therein mentioned, for Regulating the Militia of this Colony" was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that the Honourable William Johnson Esqr do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and desire their concurrence thereto.
Then the Council adjourned to Saturday next 11 o clock A M.

Saturday, the 23^d *June*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esq^rs

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Cruger with the Bill Entituled "An Act further to continue the Duty of Exxcise and the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted thereon for the purposes in the former Act and herein mentioned" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
Then the Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the 25th *June*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Deputy Secretary laid before the Council from his Excellency, a Copy of the Address of the General Assembly of this Province to his Excellency of the 22^d Instant, and his Excellency's Answer thereto of the same date and acquainted the Council, that he had received directions from his Excellency to acquaint them, that his Excellency recommended a Conference with the Assembly on the Subject matter thereof. And the said Address and Answer being read, were
Ordered to be entered in the minutes and are as follow. vizt

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Assembly of the Colony of New York, beg Leave humbly to represent to your Excellency, that on considering your Excellency's Message of the 13th Instant, and the Speech of the Chief Mohawk Sachem, sent therewith, the State of Indian Affairs appears to us to be in such a critical Situation, that we conceive no Commissioners that can be appointed, will have sufficient Weight and Influence to adjust and settle them in such a Manner as will secure the Indian Nations in his Majesty's Interest.

These Considerations, Sir, have induced us to make an extraordinary Allowance on that Head, in case your Excellency shall meet the Indian Nations at Albany, in Person, to renew the

ancient Alliance with them, and (as they term it) take the Hatchet out of their Hands, which they say has not yet been done, though your Excellency has met them at Albany, since the Conclusion of the War.

The Advices communicated to us, with your Excellency's Message of the 16th Instant, with Respect to what has passed between your Excellency and those Mohawks who have been lately at New York, still more fully evince the Necessity of your Excellency's Presence at Albany; and we persuade our selves that in this extraordinary Conjuncture, you will not hesitate a Moment in taking the Resolution to meet the six Nations there in Person this Summer.

We entirely agree with your Excellency in the Expediency of sending the Interpreter, with two Persons of Weight, among the Indians, with all possible dispatch, through all the five Nations, to represent to them the Unreasonableness of the Proceedings of those of the Mohawk Nation who came lately to New York, and to invite them to a Conference at Albany, to assure them that they shall there receive the Presents usually made by this Colony on such Occasions, and that the Complaints of their Brethern the Mohawks shall then be strictly examined into, and their real Greviences justly redressed: The Expence of which Service, we assure your Excellency, shall be provided for as soon as the Amount thereof can be known.

DAVID JONES, Speaker.

Jamaica June 22d 1753

HIS EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for this Address. I am sorry to acquaint you, that my bad State of Health, at present, will not permit me to go to Albany, to meet the Six Nations of Indians, as you desire.

I join with you in Opinion that the State of Indian Affairs, is at present in a very critical Situation, and think it requires the Advice and Assistance of the Council and Assembly in a free Conferrence; and upon the Arrival of the Gentlemen of the Council, who are daily expected from Albany, I shall recommend it to the Council, to meet you in such Conferrence, that you may then jointly agree upon the most fit Persons of Weight to send with the Interpreter, to invite the Six Nations to meet at Albany, by a Day to be proposed; and on proper Instructions to be given to those Persons: Also, upon the most proper Persons to be appointed Commissioners, to supply my Place at that Interview, and the Powers and Instructions to be given to such Commissioners. And that you may then also agree, upon the Method of Inquiry into the Complaints of the Mohawks, and of giving them Redress; in which as well as in every other Measure, that shall be thought necessary in this important Affair, I shall, so far as is consistent with my Duty, most readily concur with you. And at this Conferrence you will be acquainted with other Reasons, besides the ill State of my Health, why I think it most proper that Commissioners should supply my Place at Albany, at the intended Interview with the Indians.

G. CLINTON.

Jamaica 22d June 1753.

Resolved, thereupon that the Council desire a free conferrence with the General Assembly accordingly.

Ordered, that the Honoble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council desire a free conferrence with them upon the subject matter mentioned in his Excellency's Answer to the Address of the General Assembly on the 22d Instant.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act further to continue the Duty of Excise and the Currency of Bills of Credit emitted thereon for the purposes in the former Act and herein mentioned" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Walton and Mr Watts with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to examine into the Eastern Boundaries of this Colony, and to impower and require the Deputy Secretary of this Colony to deliver certain ancient Records written in the Dutch Language to such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall appoint to be Translated into English, and other the purposes therein mentioned" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for a further Provision towards founding a College for the Advancement of Learning within this Colony" be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Hono^ble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 26th day of June, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to examine into the Eastern Boundaries of this Colony, and to impower and require the Deputy Secretary of this Colony to deliver certain ancient Records written in the Dutch Language, to such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall appoint, to be translated into English, and other the purposes therein mentioned" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue the Duty of Excise, and the currency of the Bills of Credit emitted thereon for the purposes in the former Act and herein mentioned."

The Committee having gone through the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of. And the said Bill *Ordered* a third Reading.

Then the Council adjourned til to Morrow 3 o clock Post Merid^m.

Wednesday, the 27th day of June, 1753. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournm^t

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Beekman and Capt Livingston with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to Regulate Highways in Dutches County in the place of those appointed by An Act Entituled, An Act for the better clearing and further laying out Publick High Roads in Dutches County" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue the Duty of Excise and the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted thereon for the purposes in the former Act and herein mentioned" be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Hono^ble John Chambers Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Renselaer acquainting the Council that that House do agree to a free conferrence with the Council, on the subject matters mentioned in his Excellency's Answer to the Address of that House on the twenty second Instant, at such time and place as the Council shall appoint.

Resolved, that the said conferrence be held at Jamaica in Queens County, at the House of the Widow Stillwell on Saturday at 9 o clock in the forenoon, and

Ordered, that the Honoble John Chambers Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly therewith.

The Council adjourned till Fryday Morning at 11 o clock to meet at Jamaica in Queens County.

Jamaica in Queens County, 29th *June*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and the Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to examine into the Eastern Boundaries of this Colony, and to impower and require the Deputy Secretary of this Colony to deliver certain ancient Records written in the Dutch Language to such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall appoint, to be translated into English, and other the purposes therein mentioned" And the Council having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr Chambers from the said Committee reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they directed him to report to the Council, and he read the report in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to by the Council and the amendments

Ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, that the said Bill as Amended be read the third time.

Then the said Bill as amended was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill with the Amendments do pass.

Ordered, that the Honoble John Chambers Esqr do carry the said Bill with the Amendments to the General Assembly, and acquaint the House that the Council have passed the said Bill with those amendments to which they desire their concurrence.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled "An Act to appoint Commissioners to Regulate Highways in Dutches County, in the place of those appointed by An Act Entituled, An Act for the better clearing and further laying out Publick High Roads in Dutches County" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the Second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and the Council Resolved into a Committee on said Bill, and having gone through the same, and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the said Bill

Ordered, a third Reading.

Then the Council adjourned til 3 o clock Pt Merd.

Fryday, the 29th day of June, 1753. P^t M^dm.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to Regulate Highways in Dutches County in the place of those appointed by An Act Entituled, An Act for the Better clearing and further laying out Publick High Roads in Dutches County" be now Read the third time.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honoble William Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to examine into the Eastern Boundaries of this Colony and to impower and require the Deputy Secretary of this Colony to deliver certain Ancient Records written in the Dutch Language, to such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall appoint, to be Translated into English, and other the purposes therein mentioned" and the amendments made thereto, acquainting the Council that the House have agreed to the said amendments, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended

Which Amendments are as follow vizt

Page.	Line.	
1		Strike out the word *Deputy* in the second line of the Title and after the word *Colony* in the third line insert *or his Deputy*
1		Strike out the words "which could not hitherto be done, by Reason of the Refusal of the Deputy Secretary's of this Province, to deliver the same out of his hands, and the want of a Person or Persons legally authorized to perform the same" wrote in the 17th 18th and 19th lines
2	8	Strike out the word *Deputy* and after the word *Secretary* in the 9th line add *or his Deputy*
2	12	After the word Committee add "who is hereby authorized and impowered to administer such oath"
2	last line	Strike out the word *Deputy* and after the word *Secretary* add *or his Deputy*
3		At the end of the second line insert these words "and that during the time the said Dutch Records shall remain and continue in his or their Custody, they nor either of them shall make, or cause or suffer, any Copies, Extracts, or Abstracts, of or from the said Dutch Records to be made, other than such as shall be so directed by the Committee and Commissioners aforesaid unless with the privity and consent of the said Secretary or his Deputy"
3	6	Strike out the word *Deputy* and after the word *Secretary* insert the words *or his Deputy*
3	8	Strike out the word *Deputy* and after the word *Secretary* insert the words *or his Deputy*
3	11	Strike out the word *Deputy* and after the word *Secretary* in the 12th line insert *or his Deputy*
3	15	Strike out the word *Deputy* and after the word *Secretary* insert *or his Deputy.*
3	19	And in the same page line 25, Strike out the word *Deputy* and after the word *Secretary* add *or his Deputy*
3	27	Strike out the word *Deputy* and after the word *Secretary* insert *or his Deputy*
3	29	After the word *direct* strike out all the remaining part of this Clause, ending in the 19th line of the next page
5	13	After the word *Colonys* strike out the remaining part of the Clause and instead thereof insert these words "And shall deliver Copies thereof to the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Colony for the time being in order to be laid before his Majesty and also Transmit copies thereof to the Agent of this Colony."

Mr Kennedy left his seat and

Mr Chief Justice assumed the Chair.

Then the Council went to meet the General Assembly in a free Conference, on the Subject matter of the Conference this Morning, and being returned, the Speaker Reported, that the Council had by his Excellency's directions, acquainted the House, that his Excellency was in

daily expectation of being succeeded in the Government, and therefore did not think it adviseable in such a Juncture to go to Albany to meet the Indian Nations. That the Council delivered it as their opinion, that no Commissioners that could be appointed to meet the Indians, would have equal weight and influence with a Governor or Commander in Chief; and that they were therefore of opinion that the Interview with the Indian Nations should be suspended until the arrival of the new Governour. But that it would be necessary in the mean time, to send some persons of weight and influence among the said Nations; to acquaint them with the Reasons of their not being sent for to a Conference at Albany so soon as they might expect; and to endeavour to remove the uneasiness that appears to be now subsisting among them. And that the Council concluded with a proposal that a Committee should be appointed by each House to meet this evening, to consider of proper means for those purposes. which proposal had been agreed to by the General Assembly.

Resolved, that Mr Murray, Mr Chambers and Mr Smith be a Committee of the Council to confer with a Committee of the General Assembly, on the Subject Matters mentioned this day at the free conference, and that the said Committees meet this Evening at the House of the Widow Stillwell and that the Speaker be desired to assist the said Committee.

Ordered, that the Honoble John Chambers Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly, that the Council have appointed the Honoble Joseph Murray and William Smith Esqrs and himself, to be Committee to confer with a Committee to be appointed by the General Assembly, on the subject matters mentioned this day at the free conference; that the Speaker of the Council is desired to assist the said Committee; and that the said Committees are to meet at 7 o clock this evening at the House of the Widow Stillwell.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Le Conte and Major Philipse, acquainting the Council that the House have appointed Mr Nicoll, Mr Cruger, Mr Thomas, Mr Livingston Mr Mynderse and Mr Watts to be a Committee to meet the Committee appointed by the Council, to confer with them on the subject matters mentioned this day at the free Conference, and that Mr Speaker is desired to assist the said Committee.

Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow morning 10 o clock.

Saturday, the 30th *June*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* James De Lancey, Esqr, Speaker,

Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland,
William Johnson,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Murray from the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the General Assembly on the subject matters mentioned at the free Conferrence yesterday, Reported that the Committees having met and considered of the Matters referred to them had unanimously agreed that it was highly expedient the Six Nations should be forthwith invited to a General Meeting at Onondaga, to remove their present uneasinesses to bury the Hatchet and to preserve the Friendship of those Nations: That there be allowed for those purposes the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds to be laid out in proper presents, and distributed among them; and that there should be also allowed for the expence and trouble of the person or persons to be sent to Onondaga on this Occasion, and their attendants, a sum not exceeding Two hundred pounds; and that the Committees were unanimously of opinion Colo Johnson is the most proper person to effect that important service.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Cruger acquainting the Council that the House have agreed to the Report of the Committees of the Council and Assembly appointed to meet and confer on the subject matters mentioned in the free Conference held yesterday, and that the House desire the free conference may be resumed in order to a final conclusion on the several matters mentioned in his Excellency's Answer to the Address of the House on the 22d Instant, at such time and place as the Council shall appoint.

Resolved, that the free conference be resumed accordingly.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 10 o clock.

Monday, the 2d day of July, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Honoble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly, that the Council have agreed to the Report of the Committee appointed to meet and join a Committee of the General Assembly on the subject matters mentioned in the free conference held on Fryday last, and have appointed that the conference be resumed at 5 o clock this afternoon, at the House of Mr Benjamin Hinchman, in order to a final conclusion thereof.

Then the Council adjourned til 5 o clock P. M.

Monday, the 2d day of July, 1753. Pt. Mm.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and with the Council met the General Assembly at the free conference, in order to a conclusion thereof, and being returned, the Speaker Reported, That the Council had proposed that a Representation should be made of all the several matters concluded upon at the former conferrence and by the Committees appointed by each House in consequence thereof — That the aforesaid Committees should again meet at 8 o clock to morrow morning at the House of the Widow Stillwell in order to prepare the said Representation, and That the same when agreed to by each House, should be signed by the Respective Speakers, and then presented to his Excellency the Governour. To which Proposal the General Assembly had agreed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock.

Tuesday, the 3d day of July, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Murray from the Committee appointed to meet the Committee of the General Assembly to prepare the Draft of a Representation to his Excellency of the several matters concluded upon at the conference between the Council and the General Assembly on the subject matters recommended to them by his Excellency, Reported, that the joint Committees had prepared a draft of the said Representation, which he Read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to by the Council.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and Colo Beekman acquainting the Council that the House have approved of the draft of the Representation prepared by the joint Committees to be presented to his Excellency as the Result of the free conference of the Council and General Assembly on the subject matters recommended to them by his Excellency.

Ordered, that Mr Murray acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have approved of the Draft of the said Representation.

Ordered, that the said Representation be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Representation to his Excellency the Governour was Read, and

Ordered, that the Speaker of the Council sign the same.

Then the Speaker signed the same accordingly.

Ordered, that the Hono^ble John Chambers Esqr do carry the said Representation to the General Assembly, in order to be signed by the Speaker of that House, and acquaint the House, that the Council have appointed himself to wait on his Excellency the Governour with such members as the General Assembly shall appoint to know when his Excellency will be pleased to be attended with the said Representation.

Mr Chambers being returned reported that himself and Mr Livingston and Mr Cruger had waited on his Excellency to know when he would be pleased to be attended by the Council and General Assembly with their joint Representation, and that his Excellency had been pleased to appoint immediately at the House of Mr Thomas Braine in Jamaica.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council and the General Assembly went to present the said Representation to his Excellency, and the Council being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and Reported, that the Council and General Assembly had attended his Excellency with their joint Representation and that the same being read and presented to his Excellency, His Excellency had been pleased to return an Answer thereto, which the Speaker delivered in at the Table, and the same being read

Ordered, that the said Representation and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow vizt

To his Excellency the Honourable George Clinton Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

The Humble Representation of the Council and General Assembly of New York.

May it please your Excellency,

Your Excellency having been pleased to recommend to the Council and General Assembly, to meet in a free Conference, to consider of the present critical Situation of Indian Affairs; we do humbly report to your Excellency, That upon due Consideration that your Excellency cannot go to Albany, to meet the Indian Nations, by Reason of your Indisposition, and the Expectation you have of being succeeded in the Government: and being also sensible that no Commissioners can have that Influence on the Indian Nations as the Governor or Commander in Chief, whose Rank and Authority would add Solemnity, and give great Weight to such an Interview: We are therefore humbly of Opinion, that at this time it will be most adviseable, to send a proper person to meet the six Nations at Onondago, in order to remove their present Uneasiness, to bury the Hatchet, and to preserve the Friendship of those Nations: For which Purposes the General Assembly, in Consequence of this Opinion, have already voted the sum of, Two Hundred and fifty pounds, to be laid out in suitable presents, to be distributed among them; and also a Sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds, for the Expences of the Person to be sent on this Service; and the Council and General Assembly, are humbly of Opinion, that Col. Johnson is the most proper Person to be appointed to do this Service, who hath generously consented to perform the same without any other Allowance than the Expence he may be put to in so fatiguing a Journey, on such an important Occasion. And therefore we humbly hope your Excellency will commissionate him, and give him the Instructions we now present to your Excellency, together with such others as your Excellency shall think necessary.

By Order of the Council,
James De Lancey, Speaker.
By Order of the General Assembly,
David Jones, Speaker.

Jamaica in Queens County
3^d July 1753.

His Excellency's Answer.

Gentlemen,

"I am very well pleased with your Recommodation of Col^o Johnson, a Gentleman so well qualified for this Service, and shall appoint him accordingly"

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r Le Conte and Mr Livingston with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for applying the several sums therein mentioned, for and towards several necessary services for the use and benefit of this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered. that the said Bill be now read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Then the Council adjourned till 3 o clock P^t M^dm

Thursday, the 3d day of July, 1753. Pt M.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for Applying the several sums therein mentioned for and towards several necessary services for the use and benefit of this Colony" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Wednesday, the 4th day of July, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for applying the several sums therein mentioned for and towards several necessary services for the use and benefit of this Colony."

The Committee having gone through the said Bill and being ready to make their Report thereon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the said Bill

Ordered to be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Honoble William Smith Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said bill without amendment.

Ordered, that the Honoble James Alexander, Archibald Kennedy, James De Lancey, Joseph Murray, Edward Holland, John Chambers, and William Smith Esqrs or any three of them, be, and they or any three of them, are hereby appointed a Committee of the Council for the purposes mentioned in the Bill passed by the Council and General Assembly Entituled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to examine into the Eastern Boundaries of this Colony, and to impower and require the Secretary of this Colony, or his deputy, to deliver certain ancient Records written in the Dutch Language, to such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall appoint, to be Translated into English and other the purposes therein mentioned."

His Excellency the Governour being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance, And the House attending accordingly

His Excellency in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to six Bills passed by the Council and General Assembly. The Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act to amend An Act Entitled, An Act for the more effectual cancelling the Bills of Credit of this Colony."

An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a Publick Lottery, for a further provision towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony.

An Act further to continue the Duty of Excise and the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted thereon, for the purposes in the former Act, and herein mentioned.

An Act to appoint Commissioners to examine into the Eastern Boundaries of this Colony, and to impower and require the Secretary of this Colony, or his deputy, to deliver certain ancient Records written in the Dutch Language, to such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall appoint to be translated into English, and other the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to appoint Commissioners to Regulate Highways in Dutches County in the place of those appointed by An Act Entitled, An Act for the better clearing and further laying out Publick Highroads in Dutches County and

An Act for applying the several sums therein mentioned for and towards several necessary services for the use and benefit of this Colony.

Then the said six Acts were published in the usual manner And his Excellency the Governour, the Council and the General Assembly, being returned to the Council Chamber. His Excellency was pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly until the first Tuesday in September next.

[N. Y. Co. MSS. LXXVII., 154.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *fourth* day of *September* next I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, and I do by virtue of the power and authority to me Granted under the Great Seal of *Great Britain* hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *ninth* day of *October* next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Flushing* in Queens County the *twenty third* day of *August* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty seventh.

G. CLINTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVIII., 16.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable GEORGE CLINTON Captain General and Governour in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to this day. I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly; and I do by virtue of the power and authority to me granted by his Majesty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*

hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty third* day of *October* Instant, then to meet at the *City Hall* in the City of *New York* to proceed upon Business of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *ninth* day of *October* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty seventh.

G. CLINTON.

By His Excellency's Command
GW. BANYAR *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVIII., 24.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governour and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Tuesday* the *twenty third* day of *October* Instant I have thought fit with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to prorogue the said General Assembly. And I do by virtue of the Power and Authority to me granted by his Majesty hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *thirtieth* day of *October* Instant then to meet at the *City Hall* in the City of *New York* to proceed upon Business: Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *eighteenth* day of *October* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three and of his Majesty's reign the twenty seventh.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By his Honours Command
GW. BANYAR, *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ASSEMBLY THIRD SESSION

Province of New York } *ss.*
in America }

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the said Province begun and holden at the City Hall of the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the thirtieth day of* October *one thousand seven hundred and fifty three in the twenty seventh year of the* Reign *of* King George *the* Second.

His Excellency the Honourable George Clinton late Captain General and Governor in Chief of the said province having on the fourth day of July last Prorogued the General Assembly to

the first Tuseday in September then next, and by several Proclamations to the 29th October instant. And the Honourable James DeLancey Esqr Lieutenant Governor of the said Province, having by Proclamation on the 18th Instant Prorogued the said General Assembly to this day.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
And the Council being informed there are not a sufficient number of the members of the General Assembly met to make a House,
Adjourned till to morrow 3 o clock P. Merid

Wednesday, the 31st *day of October*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Hono^ble James De Lancey Esqr his Majesty's Lieut^t Governor and Commander in Chief of this province, being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance: Who attending accordingly with their Speaker, His Honor made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly, together with Copies respectively of his Majesty's Instructions therein refered to, and of the 47. 48. 49 and 50th Articles of his Majesty's Instructions and then his Honor left the Council Chamber.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
Ordered, that his Honors said Speech with the Instructions delivered therewith, be read, and the same being read
Ordered, that the same be entered in the Minutes which are as follow:

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

His most Sacred Majesty having been graciously pleased, by his Royal Commission, to appoint me Lieutenant Governor of this province, the Government thereof is devolved upon me, by the Death of his late Excellency Sir Danvers Osborn, Baronet. As he was a gentleman of Birth, of liberal Education, and distinguished Character, we had well grounded Expectations of being a happy People under his Administration, and have therefore, just Reason to regret his Death, and lament it as a publick Loss.

You will perceive, by the thirty-ninth Article of his Majesty's Instructions to Sir Danvers Osborn (Copies of which, I shall herewith deliver you) how highly his Majesty is displeased at the Neglect of, and Contempt shewn to, his royal Commission and Instructions, by your passing Laws of so extraordinary a Nature, and by such your unwarrantable Proceedings, particularly set forth in this Instruction. Hence also, his Majesty's Royal Pleasure as to these Matters will appear, and what he expects from you. On this Head, I must observe to you that by our excellent Constitution, the executive Power is lodged in the Crown; that all Government is founded on a Confidence that every Person will discharge the Duty of his Station; and if there should be abuse of Power, that the legal and regular Course, is to make Application to his Majesty, who having a paternal Tenderness for all his Subjects, is always ready to hear and redress their Grievances.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I must earnestly press it upon you, that in preparing your Bills for the support of Government and other publick Services, you pay a due Regard to his Majesty's Pleasure, signified in his Instructions, and frame them in such a Manner, as when laid before me for my Assent, I may give it consistent with my Duty to his Majesty.

The Provision lately made for repairing his Majesty's Fort and Copsey Battery, will, from the great Damage done to the latter by the late Storm, fall very short of answering those purposes. I must, therefore, recommend to you, to make further Provision for this End; and also, for compleating the Repairs of the Trading House at Oswego. I need not mention to you the Importance of that Place, you will see by the Copy of the Letter and Account from the commanding Officer at that Post, what Repairs have been made and what is still necessary to be done.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

Among the public Papers delivered to me, I find a Letter from Col. Johnson, with an Account of his Proceedings in his late Negotiations, with the five Nations and other Indians on the Frontiers; Copies of which shall be laid before you. The preserving those Indians in their Fidelity, and drawing others to settle among them, is of such Consequence to his Majesty's Service, and the Safety of this and the other Northern Colonies, that it requires at all times the greatest Attention.

The Method now practised by the Law, for letting to farm the Excise on strong Liquors, is complained of as burthensome. I recommend it to you, to put it on such a Footing, as will remedy that Grievance.

I must also recommend to you, the passing a Bill, for regulating the Militia, that the People may be trained to the Use of Arms, and prepared for their Defence on any Emergency.

The good Effects which have arisen from the Act made to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false Taring of Bread and Flour Casks, and the Reputation the Manufacture of Flour has gained abroad under the present Regulations, are strong Arguments to induce you to fall upon some effectual Means, to prevent the Frauds which are committed in Beef, Pork, and other Commodities.

Gentlemen,

My Inclination and Interest lead me to study and pursue the Welfare of this Country; you cannot therefore doubt of my Chearful Concurrence with you, in such Measures as will promote that End, and you may be assured I will readily give my Assent to any Bills, that have his Majesty's Service and the Prosperity of the Province for their Object.

JAMES DELANCEY.

City of New York,
31st of October, 1753.

Extracts of his Majesty's Instructions directed to the late Sir Danvers Osborn Baronet deceased, Given at the Court at Kensington the thirteenth day of August 1753

INSTRUCTION 39th

39. WHEREAS it hath been represented to us, that great Disputes and Animosities have for some Time past, subsisted among the several Branches of the Legislature, of our Province of New-York: That the Peace and Tranquility of the said Province has been disturbed, Order and Government subverted, the Course of Justice obstructed, and our Royal Prerogative and Authority trampled upon, and invaded in a most unwarrantable and illegal Manner. And Whereas the Assembly of our said Province, have not only refused to comply with the Powers and Directions which we have thought expedient to give, by our Commission and Instructions, to our Governor of the said Province, with Respect to Money raised for the Supply and Support of Government, but have also, in open Violation of our said Commission and Instructions, assumed to themselves, in the Laws which they have annually or occasionally passed, the disposal of publick Money; the Nomination of all Officers of Government; the direction of the Militia, and of such other Troops as have been raised for our Service, and many other executive Parts of Government, which by our said Commission and Instructions We have thought proper to reserve, and which by Law belong to our Governor only. And Whereas it likewise appears that some of our Council of said Province, not regarding the Duty and Allegiance they owe us and the Trust we have reposed in them, have joined and concurred with the Assembly, in those unwarrantable Measures. We therefore, being extremely sensible how much all such Animosities and Divisions, amongst the different Branches of the Legislature, and the unwarrantable Proceedings which have attended the same, must affect and prove destructive of the Peace and Security of our said province; lessen and impair that due Authority, which by Right belongs to us in the Government thereof, and thereby alienate the Hearts and Affections of our loving Subjects; and being determined at the same Time, that we do protect all our loving Subjects in the Lawfull Enjoyment of their Rights and priviledges, not to permit our own Authority and Prerogative to be in any Degree violated, or unduly lessened, by any Encroachments whatever. It is our express Will and Pleasure, and you are hereby strictly enjoined and required, forthwith upon your Arrival, to use your best Endeavours, in the most

prudent Manner, to quiet the minds of our loving Subjects, and reconcile the unhappy Differences subsisting amongst them; and having called the Council and Assembly of our said Province together, you are to signify to them in the strongest and most solemn Manner, our high Displeasure for their Neglect of, and the Contempt they have shewn to, our Royal Commission and Instructions, by passing Laws of so extraordinary a Nature, and by such their unwarrantable Proceedings; and that We do strictly charge and enjoin them for the future to pay to our said Commission and Instructions due Obedience; receding from all unjustifiable Encroachments upon our legal Authority and Prerogative, and demeaning themselves in their respective Stations with a due Regard thereto, and to the Peace, Security and Prosperity of the Province. And Whereas, nothing can more effectually tend to re-establish good Order and Government within our said Province, and promote its future Peace and Prosperity, than the having a Permanent Revenue settled by Law, upon a solid Foundation, for defraying the necessary Charges of Government, for Want of which great Inconveniency and Prejudice have hitherto arisen to our Service, and to the Affairs of our said Province, It is therefore, Our further Will and Pleasure, that you do in the strongest Manner, recommend to the Assembly, in our Name, without Delay, to consider of a proper Law, to be passed for this Purpose, taking Care that such Law shall be indefinite and without Limitation, and that Provision be made therein, for the Salary allowed by us, to Our Captains General and Governors in Chief of our said Province; and likewise for competent Salaries to all Judges, Justices and other necessary Officers, and Ministers of Government, and for repairing the Fortifications, and erecting such new ones, as the Security and Safety of the Province may require; for making annual Presents to the Indians, and for the Expence attending the same; and in general, for all such other Charges of Government, as may be fixed or ascertained. It is, nevertheless, Our Will and Pleasure, and you are hereby impowered, after the passing such Law as aforesaid, to give your Assent to any temporary Law or Laws, for defraying the Expences of temporary Services. Provided always, that the said Law or Laws do expire, and have their full Effect, when the Services for which said Law or Laws were passed, shall cease and be determined; and that they be consistent with Our Royal Prerogative, and Our Commission and Instructions to you. And it is Our further Will and Pleasure, that all Money raised for the Supply and Support of Government, or upon Emergencies for a temporary Service as aforesaid, shall be disposed of, and applied to the Service only for which it was raised, by Warrant from you, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Council of our said Province, and no otherwise. But, the Assembly may, nevertheless, be permitted from Time to Time, to view and examine the Accounts of Money disposed of by virtue of Laws made by them; which you are to signify to them, as there shall be Occasion. And it is Our further Will and Pleasure, that if any of the Members of our Council, or any Officer holding or enjoying any Place of Trust or Profit, within our said Government, shall in any Manner whatever give his or their Assent to, or any wise advise or concur with the Assembly in passing, any Act or Vote, whereby our Royal Prerogative may be lessened, or impaired, or whereby any money shall be raised or disposed of, for the publick Service contrary to or inconsistent with the Method prescribed by these our Instructions to you; you shall forthwith remove or suspend such Councillor, or other Officer so offending; giving to our Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, an immediate Account thereof, in order to be laid before us.

INSTRUCTION 47.

WHEREAS several Inconvenices have arisen to our Governments in the Plantations, by Gifts and Presents made to our Governors by the General Assemblies. For prevention whereof for the future, It is our express Will and Pleasure, that neither you our Governor, Commander in Chief, or President of the Council of our said Province of New York, for the Time being, do give your, or their Consent to the passing any Law or Act, for any Gift or Present to be made to you or them, by the Assembly: And that neither you nor they, do receive any Gift or Present from the Assembly or others, on any Account or in any Manner whatsoever, upon Pain of our highest displeasure, and of being recalled from that our Government.

INSTRUCTION 48.

Our Will and Pleasure is, that you take to yourself as Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our said Provice, the sum of Twelve Hundred Pounds, Sterling, per Annum, out of our Revenue arising within our said Province.

INSTRUCTION 49.

And Whereas, it has been represented unto us, that Twelve Hundred Pounds, Sterling, per Annum, is not, at present, sufficient for the Support of our Governor, and the Dignity of that our Government: We are graciously pleased to permit and allow, that the Assembly of our said Province of New York, may by any Act or Acts, settle upon you, such Sum or Sums in Addition to your Salary, as they shall think proper. And you are hereby allowed to give

your Assent to any Act or Acts of Assembly for the said Purposes; notwithstanding, any Clause or Clauses, contained in the 47th Article of these Instructions; provided that, such Sum or Sums be settled on you, and your Sucessors in that Government, or at least on you, during the whole Time of your Government there; and provided the same be done by the first Assembly, and within a Year after your Arrival in that Province.

INSTRUCTION 50.

And We do further direct and require, that this Declaration of our Royal Will and Pleasure, in the three foregoing Articles, be communicated to the Assembly at their first Meeting, after your Arrival in our said Province, and entered in the Registers of our Council and Assembly, that all Persons whom it may concern, may govern themselves accordingly.

Ordered, that his Honour the Governor's speech be forthwith printed.

Then Mr Kennedy moved that an Address be presented to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Answer to his Speech, which Motion being seconded by Mr Murray was agreed to by the Council.

Resolved, that an Address be presented by the Council to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Murray, Mr Chambers and Mr Smith be a Committee to prepare a Draft of the said Address, and that they prepare and bring in the same at the next meeting of the Council.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Tuesday, the 6th day of November, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Murray from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of An Address to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, read and presented the same at the Board, where the same was again read, and agreed to and

Ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was read, and

Ordered to be signed by the Speaker, and the Speaker having signed the same

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy and Mr Holland do wait on his Honour, to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Council's Address.

Who being returned Reported That they had delivered the said Message to his Honour and that he had been pleased to appoint to morrow morning 11 o clock.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 7th day of November, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and with the Council went to present the Councils Address and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and Reported That having attended his Honour and presented to him the Council's Address, his Honour had been pleased to return a favourable answer thereto, which being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow

To the Honourable JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America.

The humble ADDRESS of his Majesty's Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of the Province of New York beg leave to condole with your Honour the death of his late Excellency Sir Danvers Osborn Baronet which we Lament as a publick Loss.

The administration of the Government being devolved on your Honour, in virtue of his Majesty's appointment of you as his Lieutenant Governor We heartily congratulate your Honour on this your promotion, and return you thanks for your Speech at the opening of this Session: And as we are truly sensible of your abilities, and from your long experience in the Publick Affairs of this Province, your fitness to Govern: So we assure our selves, that under your wise and prudent administration, his Majesty's Prerogative will be maintained, and the people secured in their Rights and Liberties.

It is a just and equal regard to those two important Points, on which every Government in his Majesty's Dominions must depend, and without which we may with truth say, no government can long subsist. We are therefore affected with the deepest concern at his Majesty's being so highly displeased with the Council of this Province, as signified in the 39th Article of his Instructions to the late Sir Danvers Osborn, which you have been pleased to lay before us; and on this occasion beg leave to observe, that if at any time we have given our assent to Bills by which the Government hath been supported, and the publick services provided for, in a manner different from the method directed in his Majesty's Commission and Instructions, it is merely from the Exigency of the publick affairs, and not with any view to incroach on his Majesty's Prerogative. And therefore we humbly hope that our conduct under these circumstances will appear in a favourable Light to his most sacred Majesty, especially if it be considered, that his Majesty's Governor or Commander in Chief might have given a negative to such Bills, and that these Bills were framed nearly in the same manner with those that have been passed for the support of Government and other publick services for many years, and long before most of the present members were of his Majesty's Council, which after being Enacted into Laws we doubt not have been duly authenticated, and constantly transmitted to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations for his Majesty's Royal approbation.

We beg leave to assure your Honour that the several matters recommended to us in your Speech, shall in the course of our proceedings have their due weight and attention, and that your Honour may depend on our chearful concurrence in any measure calculated for his Majesty's service, the Honour and Dignity of his Government and the Welfare of this Province.

By order of the Council
JAMES ALEXANDER Speaker.

Council Chamber City of New York
6th November 1753.

His HONOURS Answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this Address, and the favourable sentiments you express of me.

I shall make it my study, as it is my duty, to maintain his Majesty's Prerogative, and to secure the people in their Rights and Liberties.

His Majesty's service, the Honour and Dignity of his Government, and the Welfare of the Province shall be the objects of my attention. I am obliged to you for the assurances you give me of your chearful concurrence in every measure calculated for those desirable ends, and I shall rely on your advice and assistance.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
November 7th 1753.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

Then the Council adjourned to Fryday next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Fryday, the 9th day of November, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Mr Livingston with the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Then the Council adjourned to Tuesday next 11 o clock in the morning.

Tuesday, the 13th day of November, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Walton and Capt Winne with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the City of New York" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered to be Read a second time.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Richard and Mr Le Count with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for this Colony for a further provision towards founding a College within the same" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony" be now Read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Then the Council adjourned to Fryday next at 3 o clock Pt Merid

Fryday, the 16th day of November, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Intituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the City of New York" and

The Bill Intituled, "An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for this Colony for a further Provision towards founding a Colledge within the same" be now read the second time.

Then the said two Bills were Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Watts with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Intituled, An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Beekman and Mr Filken with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise a sum not exceeding fifty pounds for finishing of the Court House and Goal in Dutches County and defraying such charges as are already laid out and expended towards the building the same" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Capt Livingston with a Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, or the Major part of them, to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City, to the south of Fresh Water and other the purposes therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be Read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Fryday next the 23d Instant at 11 o clock in the morning.

Fryday, the 23*d day of November*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent frauds in debtors."

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise a sum not exceeding fifty pounds for finishing of the Court House and Goal in Dutches County and defraying such charges as are already laid out and expended towards the building the same" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, for the time being, or the Major part of them, to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in repair the Publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the south of Fresh Water, and other the purposes therein mentioned" be now Read the second time.

Then the said three Bills were Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Janse and Mr Ver Plank with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townships of Rochester and Marbletown to chuse and elect at their Annual Town Meetings, two Constables for each Town" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Livingston and Mr Watts with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent the passing of Counterfeit English half pence and Farthings" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Monday next 3 o'clock Pt Merid.

Monday, the 26th *day of November*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townships of Rochester and Marbletown to chuse and elect at their Annual Town Meetings two Constables for each Town" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent the passing of Counterfeit English half pence and Farthings" be now read the second time.

Then the said two Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Richard and Mr Gale with the Bill Intituled "An Act to regulate the Collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow 3 o clock Pt Merid.

Tuesday, the 27th *day of November*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony" be now Read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

Mr Murray took his seat.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony" and having gone through the same and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of. And

On the Question being put

Whether the Bill should be read the third time?

It passed in the Negative.

The Speaker then put the Question

Whether the Bill should be recommitted?

Which passed in the Negative, and

Then the Speaker put the Question

Whether the Bill should be rejected?

Which passed in the Affirmative unanimously.

Resolved thereupon that the said Bill be rejected.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Intituled, "An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for this Colony, for a further Provision towards founding a College within the same" and having gone through the same and being ready to make their Report thereon.

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Ordered, that the said Report be made immediately.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of. And the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Honoble Edward Holland Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

Mr Kennedy Dissenting to the passing the said Bill his Dissent is entered accordingly.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise a sum not exceeding fifty pounds for finishing of the Court House and Goal in Dutches County and defraying such charges as are already laid out and expended towards the building the same" and

The Committee having gone through the same and being ready to make their Report thereupon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Then Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered to be Read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Kennedy dissenting to the passing the said Bill his dissent is entered accordingly.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Watts desiring the Council to acquaint that House what progress the Council have made in the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to continue the two Acts therein mentioned for and towards supporting the Government of this Colony."

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have rejected the said Bill.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Le Count with a Bill Intituled, "An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the first day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty four" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow 3 o clock Pt Merid.

Wednesday, the 28th *day of Novem*r, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* James Alexander, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Intituled, "An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the first day of June one thousand seven hundred and fifty four" be read the second time

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Winne and Mr Mynderse with a Bill Entituled, "An Act further to empower the Justices of the peace in the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Town of Schonectady in the said County to drain the water out of the Streets thereof" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and the Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townships of Rochester and Marbletown to chuse and elect at their Annual Town Meetings two Constables for each Town" and the Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and The Bill Entituled, "An Act to raise a sum not exceeding fifty pounds for finishing the Court House and Goal in Dutches County and defraying such Charges as are already laid out and expended towards the building the same" without Amendment.

Mr Chambers moved that a Bill which he had in his hand Intituled, "An Act to revive An Act Intituled, An Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony" might be read.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o clock Pt Merid.

Thursday, the 29th day of November, 1753. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* James Alexander, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act further to empower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany living and dwelling in the Town of Schonectady in the said County to drain the water out of the streets thereof" be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

The Council adjourned till to morrow 3 o clock Pt Merid.

Fryday, the 30th day of November, 1753. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard and Colo Lot with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Minister Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York to sell and dispose of their Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in the County of Westchester commonly called and known by the name of the Manor of Fordham, and also for granting unto them some further Liberties and Priviledges for the better management of their affairs and the well ordering or Governing of their said Church" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Snedeker and Mr De Puc with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive and further continue An Act Entituled, An Act for the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster, Dutches and Orange," desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplanck and Mr Le Count with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Queens County," desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act intituled, An Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony," and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made some amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were read and agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Bill with the Amendments beEngrossed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent the passing of Counterfeit English half pence and Farthings," and

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he read and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to and the amendments

Ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill as amended was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill with the amendments do pass.

Ordered. that Mr Chambers do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the General Assembly and acquaint that House that the Council have passed the Bill with those Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Council adjourned till Monday next 3 o clock Pt Merid.

Monday, the 3d day of December, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bills Entituled, "An Act to enable the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York to sell and dispose of their Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in the County of Westchester, commonly called and known by the name of the manor of Fordham, and also for granting unto them some further Liberties and Priviledges for the better Management of their affairs and the well ordering or governing of their said Church,"

The Bill Entituled, An Act to revive and further continue An Act entituled, An Act for the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster, Dutches and Orange. And

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Queens County" be read the second time.

The said three Bills were Read the second time and

Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive An Act intituled, An Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony" was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and desire their concurrence thereto.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the south of Fresh Water and other the purposes therein mentioned;" and

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr Smith Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow 3 o clock Pt Merid.

Tuesday, the 4t day of December, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the Major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the Publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the south of Fresh Water and other the purposes therein mentioned" be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Kennedy dissenting to the passing this Bill his Dissent is entered accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.

Mr Murray took his seat.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Intituled, An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors" and

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker assumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table, where the same were again Read and agreed to and the Amendments

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the three following Bills vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act further to impower the Justices of the peace of the County of Albany living and dwelling in the Town of Schenectady in the said County to drain the water out of the streets thereof.

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to revive and further continue An Act Entituled, An Act for the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster, Dutches and Orange" &

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Queens County."

The Committee having gone through the said Bills severally

The Speaker resumed the Chair

And Mr Holland Reported that the Committee had gone through the two first mentioned of the said Bills, and had directed him to report the same without Amendmt

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read the third time.

Then the said two Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that the said two Bills do severally pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

Mr Chambers from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Queens County" was refered in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow 3 o clock Pt Merid.

Wednesday, the 5th day of December, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the City of New York" was referred, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time And

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

Mr Murray took his seat.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors" be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bills was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill with the Amendments do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do carry back to the General Assembly the said Bill with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, and acquaint that House that the Council have passed the Bill with those Amendments to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Beekman and Mr Le Count with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent the passing of Counterfeit English half pence and Farthings," and the amendments made thereto by the Council, acquainting the Council that that House have agreed to the said Amendments, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly

Ordered, that the said Bill be accordingly amended.

Then the said Bill was amended Which amendments are as follow.

In the Title of the Bill strike out the words *passing of counterfeit English* and instead thereof insert the words *importing or passing Counterfeits of British*

Page 1 Strike out the Preamble and the two following Clauses and instead thereof insert the Preamble and Clauses following

Whereas many Counterfeits of British half pence and Farthings are now passing in this Colony to the great damage and Loss of the Inhabitants For Remedy whereof

Be it enacted by his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and the General Assembly and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, That if any Person or Persons after the Publication of this Act shall import or bring or cause or procure to be imported or brought into this Colony any Counterfeits of British half pence or Farthings each and every of the Persons so offending shall forfeit the sum of One hundred pounds current money of this Colony, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Colony, by action of debt, Bill or Information with Costs and to and for the proper use and benefit of such Person or Persons who shall sue for the same.

And be it Enacted by the same authority, that if any Person or Persons shall pass any Counterfeits of British half pence or Farthings in payment knowing the same to be counterfeit he she or they shall forfeit ten times the value of the sum for which the said Counterfeits of half pence or Farthings were so passed in payment to be recovered with Costs of suit before any Justice of the peace by any person that will sue for the same which Justice is hereby fully impowered and required summarily to hear and determine the same and to award execution thereupon, if the said Forfeiture shall not amount to more than six pounds current money of this Colony. And if such Forfeiture shall amount to more than that sum, then it shall be recovered and applyed in the same manner as the Forfeitures herein imposed on persons importing Counterfeits of British half pence and Farthings are directed to be recovered and applyed.

Be it further Enacted by the same authority, that if any Person or Persons shall tender or offer in payment any Counterfeits of British half pence or Farthings, it shall and may be lawfull for the person or persons to whom such tender or offer shall be made, and he she or they are hereby required to seize and take such Counterfeits of half pence and Farthings and being so seized and taken the same to convey and deliver to some Magistrate of the City or County where such tender or offer shall be made, who shall deliver the same to the next General Court of Sessions of the Peace to be holden for such City or County.

And Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that when any person or persons, shall have passed any Counterfeits of British half pence or Farthings in payment, he she or they shall be Lyable and is and are hereby obliged on demand to pay to the person or persons to whom they were so passed in payment, the full value of the sum for which the same were so passed, Provided such Counterfeits of British half pence or Farthings be delivered to some Magistrate and such demand made as aforesaid within one week after the Receit of the same But if such Person or Persons who shall so receive the same Counterfeits of British half pence or Farthings shall not within one week thereafter deliver the same to such Magistrate and make such demand as aforesaid, he she or they shall not have any Remedy by this Act.

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1	29	Strike out the words *Counterfeited English*, and instead of them insert *Counterfeits of British.*
2	4	Strike out the words *Counterfeited English* and instead of those words insert *Counterfeits of British.*
2	8	Strike out *English* and instead thereof insert *British.*
2	9	Strike out the words *in Payment.*
	11	Strike out the word *nighest* and insert *nearest.*
	13	After the word shall, insert *if required by either of the Parties.*

Strike out the last clause and instead thereof insert

Be it further Enacted, that if any Person or Persons whatsoever after the Publication of this Act shall for the space of ten days keep in his her or their Custody or Possession any Counterfeits of British half pence or Farthings knowing them to be such he she or they shall in that Case be deemed to have imported the same, and be subject to the like forfeiture as is by this Act imposed on any Person who shall import such Counterfeits of British half pence or Farthings.

And be it also Enacted, that if any Magistrate shall receive Information upon oath that any Counterfeits of British half pence or Farthings were seen or discovered by the Person or Persons making such oath in any place or places within twenty four hours before such Information given, it shall and may be lawfull in that case for the said Magistrate and he is hereby enjoined and required to issue a Warrant to cause such Place or Places to be searched, and if any Counterfeits of British half pence or farthings be found the Person or Persons possessed thereof shall be deemed the Importer or Importers of the same and be subject to the like forfeiture as if he she or they had actually imported the same unless such possessor or possessors thereof shall prove that the same came into his her or their Custody or possession within ten days before such Information."

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York to sell and dispose of their Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in the County of Westchester, commonly called and known by the name of the Manor of Fordham, and also for granting unto them some further Liberties and Priviledges for the better Management of their Affairs, and the well ordering or governing of their said Church: and having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr Chambers Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same with an amendment which he read in his place, and then delivered the same with the Bill in at the Table where the amendment was again read and agreed to, and the amendment

Ordered to be Engrossed.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended

Then the said Bill as amended was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill with the amendment do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do carry the said Bill with the Amendment made thereto by the Council to the General Assembly and acquaint that House that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o clock P. Merid.

Thursday, the 6th day of December, 1753. P. Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Gale with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ver Plank and Colo Lot with ye Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Intituled, An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors" with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Bill be accordingly amended.

Then the said Bill was amended which Amendmts are as follow.

To the Title of the Bill add *with an addition thereto*

At the End of the Bill add the two following Clauses

"And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that in case any Sherif shall by virtue of any warrant hereafter to be issued in pursuance of the said Act Entituled, An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors, seize and take any Perishable Goods or Chattels it shall and may be lawfull for the Judge or Judges who issued such Warrant at his discretion to order the sale of such things perishable And the monies arising thereby to be delivered and paid to the Trustees to be appointed for the sale of the absconding Persons effects mentioned in such Warrant to be by them applyed according to the directions and intention of the said Act."

"And be it also Enacted by the same Authority, that if any Sheriff shall by Virtue of any Warrant hereafter to be issued in pursuance to the said Act through Ignorance or for want of proper Information seize and take any Goods Chattells or effects which shall or may be claimed or Challenged by any Person or Persons as his, her or their property, it shall and may be lawfull for such Sherif thereupon to summon and swear a Jury to enquire into, and try the Right and property thereof and if such Jury shall upon such Inquest, find the Right and property of such Goods Chattells or effects to be in the Person or Persons so claiming the same or in any other than the Person or Persons against whose Goods the Warrant so issued, such Sherif shall forthwith after such Inquisition had by order of such Judge or Judges who issued the Warrant deliver the said Goods Chatels or effects to the Person or Persons in whom the property thereof shall be so found and such Sherif shall not be lyable to any suit or Prosecution for his having seized and taken the said Goods, Chattels or Credits through Ignorance or for want of proper Information aforesaid: and the reasonable charges arising by the sale of such perishable Goods and by such Inquest as aforesaid shall be allowed by the Judge or Judges aforesaid and paid out of the Goods, Estate and effects of the absconding Person that shall be seized and taken by virtue of the said Act."

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the first day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty four" and

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker Resumed the Chair and

Mr Murray Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to Report it with an Amendment, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill and the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again read and agreed to, and the amendment

Ordered to be Engrossed, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading as amended.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Gale with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the Government from the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and fifty three until the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and fifty four;" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o clock P: Merid.

Fryday, the 7th day of December, 1753. P. Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* James Alexander, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
Edward Holland,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five them.

Ordered, that the Bill Intituled, "An Act for preventing frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the first day of June One thousand seven hundred and fifty four" be Read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill with the Amendment do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Murray do carry the said Bill with the Amendment made thereto by the Council, to the General Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendmt to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard and Colo Beekman, with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York, to sell and dispose of their Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in the County of Westchester, commonly called and known by the name of the Manor of Fordham, and also for granting unto them some further Liberties and Priviledges for the better management of their Affairs, and the well ordering or Governing their said Church" and the Amendment made thereto by the Council, acquainting the Council that that House have agreed to the said Amendment and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Bill be amended.

Then the said Bill was amended; which amendment is as follows.

Page 10 At the end of the last clause in the Bill add these words "Except the aforesaid Cornelius Steenwyck and Margarita his Wife, Henricus Selyns and Margarita his wife, Colonel Nicholas Bayard, Captain Isaac Van Vleeque, Jacob Boelen Roelofsen, and John Harperdinck and every of them, and all persons claiming by from or under them or any of them."

The Speaker put the Question

Whether the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the payment of the Salaries and Services of the Government from the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and fifty three, until the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and fifty four" should be read the second time?

Which passed in the Negative unanimously:

And then the Speaker put the Question

Whether the Bill should be rejected?

Which passed in the affirmative and thereupon

Resolved unanimously that the said Bill be Rejected.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Ver Plank with the Bill Intituled, "An Act for preventing frauds by Mortgages which shall be made after the first day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty four" and the amendment made thereto by the Council, acquainting the Council, that that House have agreed to the said amendment, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Bill be amended.

Then the said Bill was amended, which Amendment is as follows

Page 2 Line 20 21 Strike out the Words *the original Mortgages with proper Receits indorsed thereon* and instead of those add the following words "a Certificate to the respective Clerks of the respective Cities or Counties signed, by the Mortgagee or Mortgagees in such Mortgage, his her or their Executors Administrators or Assigns, and acknowledged by the party or Parties signing the same, or proved by the oath of one or more of the Witnesses thereto, either before one of his Majesty's Council for this Colony, or one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, or one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the respective Cities and Counties where the Lands so Mortgaged lie."

Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday the 8th day of December, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JAMES ALEXANDER Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for granting to his Majesty the several duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned:" and the Committee having gone brough the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr Chambers Reported that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Mr Kennedy dissenting to the passing the said Bill, his dissent is entered accordingly.
Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.
Then the Council adjourned till Monday 3 o clock P. Merid.

Monday, the 10th *day of December*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor to the General Assembly, which was read and
Ordered to be entered, & is as follows

Gentlemen,
You will perceive by the Copy of a Letter from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, herewith laid before you, the sentiments of their Lordships on the state of Indian Affairs, and that from the present Disposition of the Indians, their Lordships think a Speedy Interview with the Indians necessary; to which it is intended the other Governments should send Commissioners: I must therefore recommend it to you, to make proper provision for Presents to be distributed to the Indians on this occasion, and for the expence of my Voyage; that I may then appoint a convenient time and place for the interview, and notify the same to his Majesty's other Governments.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
10th December 1753.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o clock. P. Merid.

Tuesday, the 11th *day of December*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard and Mr Miller desiring the Council to acquaint that House, what the Council have done with the Bill Intituled, "An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and services of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty three, until the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty four."
In answer to the said Message
Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have rejected the said Bill.
Mr Murray took his seat.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col° Lott and Capt Richard with the Bill Intituled, "An Act to revive An Act Intituled, An Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony:" acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

Then the Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 12th *day of December*, 1753.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to regulate the Collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony" And the Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

And Mr Chambers Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Kennedy dissenting to the passing the said Bill, his dissent is entered accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly, that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

Then the Council adjourned till 3 o clock P Merid.

Wednesday, the 12th *day of December*, 1753.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of that House.

And the General Assembly attending accordingly

His Honour in the presence of the Council and General Assembly, gave his Assent to fifteen Bills passed by the Council and Assembly this Session, the Titles whereof are as follow:

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the City of New York.

An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a Publick Lottery for this Colony for a further Provision towards founding a College within the same.

An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent frauds in Debtors with an Addition thereto.

An Act to raise a sum not exceeding fifty pounds for finishings of the Court House and Goal in Dutches County, and defraying such Charges as are already laid out and expended towards building the same.

An Act to enable the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, or the Major part of them, to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City, to the South of Fresh Water, and other the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townships of Rochester and Marbletown to chuse and elect at their annual Town Meetings, two Constables for each Town."

An Act to prevent the importing or passing Counterfeits of British half pence or farthings.

An Act to regulate the Collecting the duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony.

An Act for preventing frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the first day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty four.

An Act further to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany living and dwelling in the Town of Schenectady, in the same County, to drain the Water out of the streets thereof.

An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony.

An Act to enable the Minister Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York, to sell and dispose of their Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in the County of Westchester, commonly called and known by the name of the Manor Fordham, and also for granting unto them some further Liberties and Priviledges for the better Management of their Affairs, and the well ordering or Governing of their said Church.

An Act to revive and further contine An Act Entituled, An Act for the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster, Dutches and Orange.

An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Queens County, And

An Act for granting to his Majesty the several duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

Then the said fifteen Acts were published in the usual manner: and his Honour the Governor, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, his Honour was pleased to express himself as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

Having now given my assent to such Bills as have been laid before me, I shall put a Period to this Session; the season of the year being so far advanced that we must be in daily expectation of very severe weather.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

You must be sensible, that you have not acted in compliance with his Majesty's Royal Instructions: you will have an opportunity during this Recess to consult your Constituents, and I hope at your next meeting, you will bring with you such Dispositions, as will effectually promote the publick service, and that you will then proceed with a due regard to what his Majesty justly expects from you, and thereby recommend yourselves to his Royal grace and favour.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York,
12th of December 1753.

And then his Honour was pleased to say that he thought it for his Majesty's service that the General Assembly of this Province be Prorogued to the *first Tuesday* in *March* next, and that the said General Assembly was accordingly Prorogued to the said *first Tuesday* in *March* next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVIII., 79.]

By the Honourable

JAMES DE LANCEY Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief
(L. S.) in and over the Province of *New York* and Territories thereon depending in *America.*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *fifth* day of *March* Instant: I Have thought fit with the Advice of his Majesty's Council further to prorogue the said General Assembly; and I do by virtue of the Power and Authority to me Granted by his Majesty hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *Twenty sixth* day of *March* Instant. Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein, are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four and of his Majesty's Reign the *twenty seventh.*

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By his Honor's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXVIII., 80.]

By the Honourable

JAMES DE LANCEY his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over
(L. S.) the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America.*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to Tuesday the *twenty sixth* day of *March* Instant: I Have thought fit with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, And I do by virtue of the Power and Authority to me Granted by his Majesty hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *ninth* day of *April* next ensuing. Of which all his Majestys Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty third* day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four, and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty seventh.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By his Honor's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ASSEMBLY FOURTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the* City Hall *in the City of* New York, *on* Tuesday *the ninth day of* April, *one thousand seven hundred and fifty four, in the twenty seventh year of the* Reign *of* King George *the* Second. P^t^ Meridiem.

The General Assembly of this Province having been prorogued on the 12th day of December last to the first Tuesday in March then next; and on the first of March by Proclamation, to the 26th of the same Month, and afterwards on the 3^d^ (*sic*) day of March, by Proclamation to this day

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble^* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Honourable James De Lancey Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance: and

The House attending accordingly with their Speaker,

His Honour made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly, and then his Honour left the Council Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Honour's Speech be read, and being read

Ordered, that the same be entered in the Minutes, Which is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

The Advices I have received during your Recess, are of so interesting a Concern to his Majesty, and his American Subjects, as laid me under a Necessity of calling you together thus early for your Advice and Assistance.

The Progress the French have already made in taking Possession of his Majesty's Lands, and building Forts upon a most important Pass, between the Lake Erie, and the River Ohio, will appear by the Papers I shall order to be laid before you. 'Tis evident they hope by these Advances, to surround and confine his Majesty's Colonies as much as possible; and as the Fur Trade depends on the Supplies of Arms and Ammunition, which the Indians now receive in common from both Nations, the French think, by cutting off all Intercourse between the far Nations of Indians and us, they may in Time secure the sole Benefit of that Trade to themselves, and attach them so firmly to their Interest, as to be ready at all Times to join in any Attempts they may make on his Majesty's Colonies.

The Government of Virginia, sensible of the dangerous Tendency of these Proceedings, is determined if possible, to put a Stop to them; and for this Purpose, as they look upon it to be the common Cause of all the Provinces, have requested their Aid and Assistance. Your Loyalty and Affection for his Majesty's Person and Government, with the late Resolution on the Right Honourable the Earl of Holdernesse's Letter, which you will see his Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of, give me well-grounded Hopes that you will exert your greatest Efforts, to vindicate the Honour of his Majesty's Crown, and justify his undoubted Rights, against the Invaders of his Property.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

In obedience to his Majesty's Commands, I must desire you will grant such Supplies as the Exigency of these Affairs may require, by enabling me to raise and send such Force to the Assistance of our Neighbours, as may leave them no Room to doubt of your Readiness to take Part in every Expence necessary for the publick Utility.

I am commanded by his Majesty, forthwith to send two compleat Companies of the Troops posted here, into the Province of Virginia, and shall do it with all possible Dispatch, after you have provided for the Expence of their Transportation, and subsisting them with Provisions, for the Time they may be employed on the intended Service; which I earnestly recommend to you to do without Delay.

The Six Nations of Indians are justly alarmed at the Encroachments of the French; and unless the Colonies unite in Measures for building Forts in their Country, for their Security, and the Safety of the Women and Children when the Men are abroad, and for sending Smiths and other proper Persons, to reside among them, I am apprehensive we shall lose the little Influence we still have over them. This is a Matter that well deserves your serious Attention, as upon it depends the greatest Security we have for the Fidelity of those People; and although it be reasonable, that the Expence be borne by the Colonies in general, yet as those Nations more immediately depend upon the Province of New York, any Scheme for their Safety and Protection, will naturally be expected to take its Rise here: 'Twill therefore be shewing your Regard for the Welfare of this, and all the Colonies, by declaring your Willingness in a publick Resolution, to bear a Proportion of the charge of erecting and maintaining such Forts. I have already the Sentiments of several of his Majesty's Governors on this Point, and am led, from the common Danger, to hope for the Assistance of several of the neighboring Colonies, in a Measure of so general Concern.

And while you have this Matter under Consideration, I must recommend to you that of the open and defenceless Condition of our Northern Frontier; and that you will enable me to build some Fort or Forts, in a proper Situation, till I have used my Endeavours to bring his Majesty's other Governments concerned in the Defence of that Part of the Country, to contribute to the Charge of erecting as many Forts on this Quarter, as may be necessary to guard them, and us, from the Incursions of the Enemy in Time of War.

You are well convinced of the Importance of the Trading House at Oswego, and therefore I need use no Arguments to prevail with you to grant a sufficient Sum to put that Fortress into thorough Repair: It appears the more necessary at this time, as the French in their way to the Ohio, pass that Post; and should they expect it to be unprovided for a Defence, we have no Reason, from their late Proceedings, to doubt they would make an Attempt upon it: I therefore think it highly expedient to order a double Garison thither of his Majesty's Troops, and wait only for your making suitable Provision for it.

Copsey Battery in this City, you are sensible, is in a ruinous Condition; and I am persuaded you will think it absolutely necessary to put it into good Repair.

I have appointed the fourteenth of June next, for the Interview with the six Nations, at Albany; and as the time now draws near, you will provide for Presents to be distributed among them at this Meeting, and for the Expence of my Voyage thither.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The Matters I have recommended to your Consideration, are of so great importance, as do not permit me to divert your Attention by laying any Thing else before you at present: I shall therefore only recommend, that you will give them that due Weight and Dispatch they seem to demand of you, and I make no Doubt but the Result of your Deliberations will reflect Honour on yourselves, and be a Benefit to your Country. You may be assured of my hearty and chearful Concurrence in every Measure calculated for his Majesty's Service, and the Happiness of the People of this Province.

JAMES DELANCEY.

Fort George New York
9th April 1754.

Ordered, that his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed.

Then Mr Chambers moved that an humble Address be presented to his Honour in Answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded by Mr Murray was agreed to by the Council.

Resolved that an Address be presented by the Council to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Murray, Mr Chambers and Mr Smith be a Committee to prepare a Draft of the said Address, and that they prepare and bring in the same at the next meeting of the Council.

The Deputy Secretary laid before the Board from his Honour the Governor, sundry Letters from the Governor of Virginia, advising the Steps that Government are taking to oppose the Invasions of the French on the Ohio, and requesting the aid and assistance of this Government therein. Also a Letter from Governor Shirley and another from Governor Hamilton of the 18th ultº and several papers containing Intelligence of the Proceedings of the French on the Ohio.

Then the Council Adjourned til Thursday next at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Thursday, the 11th *April*, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, read and presented the same at the Board, where the same was again read, and being agreed to by the Council, was

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address was read and approved of, and the Speaker ordered to sign the same, who accordingly signed the same.

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy and Mr Holland do wait on his Honour, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Council's Address.

Who being returned Reported that they had delivered the same Message to his Honour, and that he had been pleased to appoint immediately.

The Speaker then left the Chair and with the Council went to the Fort to present the Councils Address to his Honour, and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and Reported that having attended his Honour and presented to him the Councils address, his Honour had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which being read

Ordered that the Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes Which are as follow.

To the Honourable JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America

The Humble ADDRESS of his Majesty's Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour,

We his Majesty's most dutifull and Loyal Subjects, the Council of the Province of New York return your Honour our hearty thanks for your Speech at the opening of the Session.

We are truly sensible of the great importance of the several matters recommended to us, and are disposed heartily to join in concerting the most proper and prudent measures to be taken thereupon. And as it is our Interest, as well as our Duty, we shall use our utmost endeavours to enable your Honour to put in Execution his Majesty's Commands relating thereto; and also to pursue and carry on your well grounded scheme and good intentions, for securing the fidelity of the six Nations of Indians, and for the protection and safety of our Frontiers, and those of the Neighbouring Colonies.

The pains and trouble your Honour has already taken, and we are confident will take about these affairs, must reflect Honour on your Administration: And as we have the strongest assurance of your hearty and chearfull disposition, to concur in every measure calculated for his Majesty's service and the happiness of the people of this province, so we beg leave to assure your Honour, we shall do every thing in our power to assist therein and make your Government easy.

By order of the Council
JAMES ALEXANDER, Speaker.

Council Chamber City of New York
11th April, 1754.

THE GOVERNORS Answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this Address, I have no other views than his Majesty's service, and the happiness of the people under my Government. I am glad any steps I have taken meet with your approbation, and shall always be obliged to you, for your advice and assistance.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

Fort George New York
11th April 1754.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

Then the Council adjourned to Tuesday the 23d day of April Instant at 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 23^{d} *day of April,* 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard and Mr Miller with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to establish the Rates, to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels, using the three Wharfs therein mentioned:" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Captain Winne with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to apply several sums of money, for the use and security of this Colony;" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Captain Winne with the Bill Entituled "An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act to prevent the breaking or otherwise injuring Glass Lamps in the City of New York;" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said Bill were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Afternoon 3 o clock.

Wednesday, the 24th *day of April,* 1754. P^{t} Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Walton with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prolong the time limitted for drawing the Lottery appointed in and by An Act Entituled, An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for this Colony, for a further provision towards founding a College within the same" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to continue An Act Entitled, An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels using the three Wharfs therein mentioned"

The Bill Entitled, "An Act to apply several sums of money for the use and security of this Colony" and

The Bill Entitled, "An Act to revive An Act intituled An Act to prevent the breaking or otherwise injuring Glass Lamps in the City of New York" be read the second time.

Then the said three Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council, from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, an Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant Holland at Oswego to his Honour, containing Intelligence of the Number of Forces the French intend to send towards the Ohio this year, which Letter was read.

Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o clock P^{t} Merid.

Thursday, the 25th *day of April*, 1754. Pt Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entitled, An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels using the three Wharfs therein mentioned: and
The Bill Entituled, "An Act to Revive An Act Entitled, An Act to prevent the breaking or otherwise injuring Glass Lamps in the City of New York:" and
The Committee having gone through the same
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills, and had directed him to Report the same without amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the two Bills *Ordered* a third Reading.
Then the said two Bills were Read the third time and
On the Question being put severally,
Resolved that the said two Bills do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prolong the time limitted for drawing the Lottery appointed in and by An Act entituled, An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for this Colony, for a further provision towards founding a College within the same" be Read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council Resolved into a Committee on the said Bill, and having gone through the same
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o clock Pt Merid.

Fryday, the 26th *day of April*, 1754. Pt Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* James Alexander, Esqr, Speaker,

Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esqrs

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prolong the time limitted for drawing the Lottery appointed in and by An Act Entituled, An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for this Colony for a further provision towards founding a College within the same," be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.
Mr Kennedy took his seat.
Then the Council adjourned till to morrow Morning 11 o clock

Saturday, the 27th *day of April,* 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till Tuesday the 30th day of April 1754 Pt Merid.

Tuesday, the 30th *day of April,* 1754. Pt Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled, "An Act to apply several sums of money for the use and security of this Colony" Reported that it appeared by the Bill several sums of money are intended to be paid on Receits, and not by Warrant, as directed in his Majesty's Commission and Instructions, which Commission is of Record, and the Instruction relative to this point, entered in the Minutes of both Houses. And that the services provided for in the Bill are in the opinion of the Committee highly necessary for his Majesty's service, and the security of the province, and most of them proper to be carried into execution without delay, and therefore that the Committee submitted the Bill to the consideration of the Council.

Resolved, that the method of issuing Publick money on Receits, is contrary to that directed by his Majesty's Commission and Instructions, which directs all publick money to be issued by Warrant from the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of his Majesty's Council, and that a friendly conference be desired with the General Assembly thereupon.

Ordered, that the Honoble John Chambers Esqr acquaint the General Assembly, that it appears by the Bill brought from that House, Entituled, "An Act to apply several sums of money for the use and security of this Colony" that several sums of money are intended to be issued on Receits of the persons therein mentioned, and not by Warrant from the Governor by and with the advice and consent of his Majesty's Council, as directed in his Majesty's Commission and Instructions, which Commission is of Record, and the Instruction relative to this point, entered in the minutes of both Houses and therefore that the Council desires a friendly Conference with the General Assembly thereupon.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Walton in answer to the Message of the Council abovementioned, acquainting the Council that the said Bill being a money Bill, that House cannot consent to any conference with the Council on the subject matter thereof.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 1st *day of May,* 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Resolved, that as the Council cannot, consistent with his Majesty's Commission and Instructions, pass the Bill Entituled, "An Act to apply several sums of money for the use and security of this Colony:" and as the Assembly has refused the Conference desired by the Council thereupon, an humble Representation on this matter be made by the Council to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, to be presented to his Honour with the Bill and copies of the proceedings thereupon.

Ordered, that Mr Holland Mr Chambers and Mr Smith be a Committee to prepare a Draft of the said Representation.

Mr Chambers from the said Committee Reported, that they had prepared a Draft of the said Representation, which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Representation be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Representation to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor was read and approved of and

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the same.

Then the Speaker signed the same accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Holland and Mr Chambers wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the said Representation.

The said Gentlemen having delivered the Message to his Honour, Reported that he had been pleased to say he would come to the Council Chamber in half an hour and receive it there.

His Honour being come to the Council Chamber The Speaker left the Chair and read and then presented to his Honour the Representation of the Council in the words following viz[t]

To the Honourable James De Lancey Esq[r] his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories thereon depending in America.

The humble Representation of the Council of the Province of New York

May it please your Honour

We beg leave to lay before your Honour the Bill Entituled, "An Act to apply several sums of money for the use and security of this Colony" with copies of the proceedings thereon: By which your Honour will perceive, that sundry Sums of Money are appointed to be paid by the said Bill to particular persons, upon their Receits, which is Repugnant to his Majesty's Commission on Record, and to the thirty ninth Instruction to the late Sir Danvers Osborn entered in the Minutes of this House, and of the House of Assembly.

We were not willing to amend the said Bill, to make it agreeable to the Commission and Instructions, least it should at this critical time, raise a contest between the two Houses, concerning our Right to amend Money Bills, (a point often already determined by the King and Council and Lords of Trade in favour of Councils) and therefore chose to desire a friendly conference with the General Assembly on this Matter; But your Honour will find that they have refused to confer, alledging for Reason that it is a Money Bill, which we humbly conceive it is not, as no money is thereby given to his Majesty, but only monies applyed, which had been before granted. And were it even a Money Bill, we can produce many instances of Conferences desired by the House of Lords, on Money Bills before them, and those conferences agreed to by the House of Commons, and remember not of any instance before this, in this Province of a refusal to confer on a Money Bill.

As we declined amending this Bill, so for the like Reason we decline entering into any contest with the Assembly at this extraordinary Juncture, on this their refusal to confer. And tho' we cannot pass the Bill as it stands, so directly repugnant to his Majesty's Commission and Instructions, yet we think it improper to reject it, least it should be from thence suggested that we did not think the services therein proposed to be provided for, to be necessary, which we are of opinion are highly so. And as we hope the House of Assembly, when made sensible that the passing a Bill repugnant to his Majesty's Commission and Instructions, is but another way of refusing to pass any Bill for that purpose, may as yet (if your Honour will give them an opportunity) pass a Bill consistent therewith, We therefore humbly submit it to your Honour, whether it may not be proper to prorogue the General Assembly for a short time, for the reason and purpose aforesaid.

By order of the Council
Ja: Alexander Speaker

Council Chamber. New York
1st May 1754

Whereupon his Honour was pleased to say

Gentlemen,

I am in doubt whether it will be proper for me to prorogue the General Assembly while the Bill mentioned in your Representation is unrejected by you.

His Majesty's service and the safety of the Province under my Government, require that the services provided for in the Bill, should be immediately done, and will not admit of delay. And as I am not fully assured that the Assembly after a prorogation will make the like provision as in this Bill, I do not think my self Justifyable in proroguing them.

The Reasons assigned by you for not passing the Bill, are apparently of great weight, and I think the Assembly manifestly in the wrong, in the manner in which they have framed the Bill for the services provided for in it. But if the Council think it proper to reject the Bill; I shall then find my self under a necessity of Proroguing the General Assembly, and upon their next meeting shall recommend to them again to provide for those services in a manner not liable to the same objections. I deliver back the Bill to you.

Then the Council adjourned till 3 o clock P^t^ Merid.

Wednesday, the 1st *day of May,* 1754. P^t^ Merid^m^.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble^* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to apply several sums of money for the use and security of the Colony," be Recommitted to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved into a Committee to consider of the said Bill, and having gone through the same, and being ready to make their Report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Then Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee, in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Whether the Bill should pass?

It passed in the Negative.

Then the Question was put

Whether the Bill should be Rejected or not?

Which passed in the Affirmative.

Resolved, that the said bill be Rejected accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary, requiring their immediate attendance, and they attending accordingly

His Honour in presence of the Council and General Assembly, gave his Assent to the three following Bills vizt

An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to Establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels using the three Wharfs therein mentioned.

An Act to Revive An Act Intituled, An Act to prevent the breaking or otherwise injuring Glass Lamps in the City of New York.

An Act to prolong the time limitted for drawing the Lottery appointed in and by An Act Entitled, An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for this Colony for a further provision towards founding a College within the same.

Then the said three Acts were published with the usual solemnity and the Governor, Council and General Assembly, being returned to the Council Chamber, his Honour was pleased to say, he thought it for his Majesty's service, to prorogue the General Assembly, and did accordingly with the advice of his Majesty's Council, prorogue the General Assembly till to morrow.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ASSEMBLY FIFTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *held at the City Hall of the City of* New York *on* Thursday *the second day of* May, *one thousand seven hundred and fifty four, in the twenty seventh year of the* Reign *of* King George *the* Second.

His Honour the Lieutenant having yesterday prorogued the General Assembly to this day. The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr., Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Honourable James De Lancey Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor of this Province being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary, requiring their immediate attendance, and the House attending accordingly.

His Honour made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly and then his Honour left the Council Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Honours Speech be Read, which being Read,

Ordered, that the same be entered in the minutes, which is as follows, Viz^t

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

As the several Matters I lately recommended to you, are still fresh in your Memories, I think it needless to repeat them.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I am convinced that the Council, when they rejected the Bill, to apply several Sums of Money for the Use and Security of this Colony, were of Opinion the Services were highly necessary. But as they conceived the Manner in which that Bill was framed, to be repugnant to his Majesty's Commission and Instructions, they thought themselves, in Duty to his Majesty, bound to refuse their Consent to it: And I hope when you again take these Services into Consideration, (which you are sensible can admit of no Delay) you will frame the Bill so as it may not lay the Council under any Difficulty of passing it.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

I must press you to proceed in this Matter, with Unanimity and Dispatch: His Majesty's Service, and the Safety of the Province, requiring it.

JAMES DE LANCEY

Council Chamber New York
2^d day of May 1754.

Ordered, that his Honours Speech be forthwith printed.

Then Mr Murray moved than an humble Address be presented to his Honour by the Council in answer to his Speech, which motion being seconded by Mr Chambers, was agreed to by the Council.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by the Council to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Murray and Mr Chambers be a Committee to prepare a Draft of the said Address and that they prepare and bring in the same to morrow morning.

Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 2d day of May, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Honour, in answer to his Speech, read, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being agreed to

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, was read and approved of.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the said Address.

Then the Speaker signed the same accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Murray and Mr Holland wait on his Honour to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Councils Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned Reported that they had delivered the Message, and that his Honour was pleased to say to Morrow Morning at 11 o clock, at the House of Mr Edward Willet.

Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Fryday, the 3d day of May, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

With the Council went to present their Address to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having attended his Honoar and presented to him, the Council's Address, his Honour had been pleased to return a favourable answer thereto, which being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be Entered in the Minutes which are as follow :

To the Honourable JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour

We his Majesty's most dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Council of the Province of New York, beg leave to return your Honour our most grateful Thanks for your Speech to both Houses, and acknowledge your Honours care and attention to his Majesty's service, and the good of the Province.

We assure your Honour we had the Bill mentioned in your Speech, to apply several sums of money for the use and security of this Colony, under serious Consideration several days, and were truly sensible the services intended to be provided for therein, were highly necessary: But as the Bill was framed directly contrary to his Majesty's Commission and Instructions We thought we could not consistent with our duty give our consent to it: And therefore hope the General Assembly, upon considering our Reasons for rejecting this Bill, will according to your

Honours Recommendation, frame another for those important services, in such a manner as may not lay us under any difficulty in passing it. And they will find us both ready and willing to join with them and proceed in this matter with unanimity and Dispatch.

By Order of the Council
JAMES ALEXANDER, Speaker.

Council Chamber City of New York
2d May 1754.

His HONOURS Answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this Address, I find I have truly expressed your sentiments on the Bill to the General Assembly, and in their Address to me yesterday, they say, they will endeavour to frame a Bill in such a manner as may obviate the objections lately made, so that I have no Reason to doubt but that his Majesty's service will now proceed with the unanimity and dispatch so very necessary at this time.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
3d May 1754.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Filkin with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the payment of several sums of money for the use and security of this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Then the Council adjourned till 3 o clock Pt Merid.

Friday, the 3d day of May, 1754. Pt Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Watts with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable and impower the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York and their Successors, to prevent and Remove particular Nusances within the same, to the southward of the Fresh water" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second Reading.

Ordered, That the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the payment of several sums of money for the use and security of this Colony" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable and impower the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York and their successors to prevent and remove particular Nusances within the same to the Southward of Fresh water" be Read the second time.

Then the said Bills were Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock.

Saturday, the 4th day of May, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the payment of several sums of money for the use and security of this Colony" And The Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable and impower the Mayor Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, and their successors, to prevent and remove particular Nusances within the same to the southward of the Fresh water;" and the Committee having gone through the same and being ready to make their report thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee to whom the said two Bills were Referred in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills and directed him to Report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read the third time.

Then the said two Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put severally

Resolved, that the said two Bills do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

Then the Council adjourned till 3 o clock Pt Merid.

Saturday, the 4th day of May, 1754. Pt M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governour being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary, requiring their immediate attendance, and that House attending accordingly.

His Honour in presence of the Council and General Assembly gave his Assent to the two following Bills vizt.

An Act for the payment of several sums of Money for the use and security of this Colony.

An Act to enable and impower the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York and their successors to prevent and remove particular Nusances within the same, to the southward of Fresh water.

Then the said two Acts were published with the usual solemnity, and the Lieutenant Governor, Council and General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, his Honour was pleased (by and with the advice and consent of his Majesty's Council) to prorogue the General Assembly of this Province to Tuesday the twenty eighth day of this Instant May and did prorogue the said General Assembly accordingly.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXVIII., 124.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governour and Commander in Chief
(L. S.) in and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America.*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to this day, I have thought fit with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to prorogue the said General Assembly. And I do by virtue of the power and Authority to me Granted by his Majesty hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *second* day of *July* next ensuing Of which all his Majestys Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty eighth* day of *May* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four and of his Majesty's Reign the *twenty seventh.*

JAMES De LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D. Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXVIII., 144.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories thereon depending in *America.*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Tuesday* the *second* day of *July* next. I have thought fit, with the advice of his Majesty's Council, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and I do by virtue of the Power and authority to me granted by his Majesty, hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *sixth* day of *August* next ensuing: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms in the City of *Albany* the *twenty eighth* day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty eighth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
Gw Banyar, *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXVIII., 143.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governour and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in *America*.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Tuesday* the *sixth* day of *August* next. I have thought fit with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to prorogue the said General Assembly and I do by virtue of the power and authority to me granted by his Majesty, hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twentyeth* day of *August* next there to meet to proceed upon Business: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty fifth* day of *July* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four and of his Majesty's Reign the twenty eighth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ASSEMBLY SIXTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall of the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the twentieth day of* August, *one thousand seven hundred and fifty four, in the twenty eighth year of the* Reign *of* King George *the* Second.

The General Assembly of this province having been prorogued on Saturday the fourth day of May last, to Tuesday the twenty eighth day of the same Month; and on the said twenty eighth day of May, by Proclamation, to Tuesday the second day of July; and on the twenty eighth day of June, by Proclamation to Tuesday the sixth day of August, and on the sixth day of August * by Proclamation to this day.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^rs

The Honourable James De Lancey Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this province, being come to the Council Chamber, the Speaker left the Chair, and his Honour sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly, requiring their immediate attendance, and the House attending accordingly,

His Honour made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another to the Speaker of the General Assembly, and then left the Council Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Honour's Speech be read, and the same being read, was

Ordered, to be entered in the Minutes, and is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The French Forces in Conjunction with a Number of Indians, having lately attacked and defeated the British Troops under the Command of Col. Washington, on this side of the Ohio,

* This date is incorrect, according to the preceding Proclamation and *N. Y. Council Minutes*, xxiii, 210.

within the undoubted Limits of his Majesty's Dominions, and as I am informed, built a Fort on the Forks of Monongahela; I was obliged to call you together at this Time.

It is evident, and needs no Arguments to prove how conducive it must be to his Majesty's Service, and the general Welfare of all the Colonies, that we should be aiding and assisting to each other, in Case of any Invasion. In this Situation, it is incumbent on all the Provinces, to give the Virginians the Aid they stand in need of. It behoves us more particularly to exert ourselves, for as we have a large and extended Frontier, exposed to the French and their Indians, we cannot with any Decency, should this Province be attacked, call upon the other Governments on the Continent, or with Reason expect Assistance from them, unless we now chearfully throw in our Contributions, to enable the Virginians to repel the French, and drive them out of the Limits of his Majesty's Dominions: This is a Point that deserves your most serious Attention.

There is another which requires it no less; and that is, the defenceless State of the Province. View the Fortifications of this City, and let your own Eyes inform you, what Repairs are necessary, and what other Works wanting to strengthen and defend it. Consider how near the most populous and best Part of Canada is to Albany; how weak and unprepared for a Defence that City is; that we have not any Place of Strength above it on Hudson's River, to retard an Enemy one Moment, so that they might be at our Doors to give us the first Notice of our Danger. The Consequences that must attend the Loss of Albany, is a Subject more proper for your own Reflection, than for me to enlarge upon. A Place of so great Importance ought to be well provided for its Defence in all Events. A strong Fort on Hudson's River, must be a great Security to that City, as Intelligence might be sent from thence, of the Approach of an Enemy, and the Place thus enabled to hold out till a sufficient Force could be brought to its Relief, which might be soon done: And a Fort on that Quarter, must also, in Time of War, be a great Check to the Enemy's Incursions towards Schenectady and other Parts of the Country.

In Case of a War, we may expect great Assistance from the Six Nations of Indians. I left them in a very good Disposition at the late Treaty; but unless we put ourselves in a proper Posture of Defence, they will be unwilling to expose themselves to the Resentment of the Enemy. If we will protect them, they will be ready to fight for us. The Building a Fort and making a Settlement in the Senecas Country, is a Matter of great Consequence, for besides the Advantages we might draw from it, the French will be prevented from taking this Step, which they would have done long ago, could they have prevailed on the Indians to consent to it. With this view a Tract of Land of a good Soil and fit for Settlements, was purchased by Lieutenant Governor Clarke, from the Senecas, the most numerous of the Six Indian Nations; and tho' a Fort was not then built, and even now as it is a general Concern, ought to be done at a general Expence; yet, as the Situation of Affairs is become more dangerous than at that Time, it is necessary to erect a Fort there, even at our own Charge, to secure a Footing at that Place; to attach that Nation to the British Interest, to hinder their falling into the Hands of the French; and to unite them more firmly with the other Indian Nations, in a Dependance on this Government.

It has been usual to send a Smith, and some other Persons to reside in the Senecas Country, to secure that Nation in their Fidelity to us: And the Onondagoes have desired me to order a Smith to be sent and remain among them for a Year. Services of this Nature have ever been attended with a good Effect.

In my late Conferences with the Six Nations at Albany, they complained of the pernicious Effects arising from the Use of Rum among them, and desired it might not be sold in their Castles or Countries. The Mohawks also requested that the People who are settled there, might not be suffered to sell this Liquor to them: And as the Law which restrains the Sale of Rum to the Indians, has proved ineffectual, I must recommend to you, to make such further Provision as will fully answer that End.

It may be proper to revise the Militia Act, to make it more effectual for the Purposes intended, and to insert a Clause, to form those who are exempted by Law, yet able to bear Arms, into Companies, to appear once a Year, and as often as the publick Service shall require it for the Defence of the Province; and to provide a Quantity of Arms and Accoutrements to be lodged in the Cities of New York and Albany, to be ready upon any Emergency.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The present Exigency calls aloud upon you, for Supplies, to assist our fellow Subjects of Virginia. The Case is much altered, since I first laid before you the Encroachments of the French. They had then built Forts only on the Lake Erie, and at the head of Beeve River, they have now descended this River to the Ohio, and thence to the Monongahela, and have defeated his Majesty's Troops on this Side of the Ohio, so that by these Steps it is evident, the Case has now happened in which you engaged by your Resolution of the 13th of November last, to make Provision for assisting any of the neighbouring Colonies to repell Force by Force: And I am persuaded, you will acquit yourselves as becomes you, by chearfully giving an ample Supply for this Service; and that you will at the same Time, make a suitable Provision for the other Services which the Defence and Safety of the Province demand of you.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The Things I have recommended to you, highly concern his Majesty's Honour, and the Interest and Safety of the Province. We may learn from the Relations published by the French, that they have long had a Design upon this Province, Plans have been laid for its Conquest; Schemes have been formed to attack Albany and this City at the same Time; the former by a Land Force from Canada, and New York by a naval Armament. They would gladly be Masters of a Country, that must soon put it in their Power to reduce the Six Nations, and their numerous Allies, to an intire Dependence on them: By preventing this, you will go a great Length in defeating their Views, to subject the whole Continent to the French Yoke. Let me therefore, earnestly exhort you, to provide in Time for your Security, that by effectually fortifying the Province, the future Schemes or Attempts of your Enemies, may be frustrated and rendered abortive.

When I was at Albany, I proposed to the Commissioners of the several Governments met there, the building Forts in proper Places to cover the northern Frontiers of this, and some of the neighbouring Provinces, and Forts in the Indian Countries, but without any Effect; they seemed so fully persuaded of the Backwardness of the several Assemblies to come into joint and vigorous Measures, that they were unwilling to enter upon the Consideration of these Matters; and formed a Plan for a general Union of all the Colonies, to be enforced by Act of Parliament: Which, together with a Representation they prepared of the State of the Colonies, I shall order to be laid before you.

Gentlemen,

I need not recommend Unanimity to you; the Matters laid before you are of such Importance, that they will naturally lead you to unite your utmost Endeavours to bring them to a happy Conclusion. It will give me the highest Satisfaction, if while I have the Honour of the Administration, something effectual be done to assist our Neighbours, and to strengthen and secure ourselves. You will ever find me ready to give my Assent to any Bills for his Majesty's Service and the Good of this Country.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York 20th August 1754.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governors Speech be forthwith printed.

The Mr Chambers moved that an humble Address be presented to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his Speech which motion being seconded by Mr Kennedy was agreed to by the Council.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Holland and Mr Chambers be a Committee to prepare a Draft of the said Address and that they prepare and bring in the same to morrow.

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow 3 o clock Pt Merid.

Wednesday, the 21st *day of August,* 1754. Pt Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governour, Read and presented the same at the Board where the same was again Read and being agreed to by the Council was

Ordered to be Engrossed

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Thursday, the 22^{d} *day of August*, 1754

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Engrossed Address to his Honour the Lieu^{t} Governor was Read and
Ordered to be signed by the Speaker and the Speaker having signed the same
Ordered, that Mr Holland and Mr Chambers do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, to know when and where he will be pleased to be attended with the Councils Address
Who being returned reported that they had delivered the said Message to his Honour, and that he had been pleased to appoint 11 o clock at the Council Chamber in Fort George.
Then the Speaker left the Chair and with
The Council went to present the Councils Address and being returned
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Reported that having attended his Honour and presented to him the Councils Address His Honour had been pleased to return a favourable answer thereto which was Read.
Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow

To the Honourable JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America,

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour,

We return you our most humble thanks for your Speech.

We are truly sensible of the importance of those matters you have been pleased to lay before us — When the Dignity of the Crown is insulted, the welfare of Great Britain attacked, and the property of our fellow subjects invaded, can Englishmen, can we, who are under so many ties of duty and Gratitude; We who so often have made profession of duty and Loyalty to the best of Kings; hesitate one moment to exert with Indignation, our utmost efforts of Resentment. Surely not! We therefore beg leave to assure your Honour that we will chearfully concur in every proper measure that can in any wise conduce to the defeating those perfidious schemes concerted by a Nation void of sincerity and Regardless of all Faith and Treaties.

Permit us Sir to add that there is nothing in our power shall be wanting, wherein we can by any means, contribute to the Honour of your Administration.

By order of the Council
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Speaker.

City of New York
22^{d}August 1754.

The GOVERNORS Answer.

Gentlemen,

I return you thanks for your address.

The Loyalty you Express to his Majesty, the best of Kings, and your Zeal to defeat the schemes of the French, are very agreeable to me.

I am obliged to you for the assurances, that nothing shall be wanting in your power that can contribute to the Honour of my Administration.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

Fort George, New York
22^{d} August 1754.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.
Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow 4 o clock Post Meridiem.

Fryday, the 23^{d} *day of August*, 1754. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Cruger with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying five thousand pounds for and towards assisting the Colonies of Virginia and Pensilvania to dispossess the French and Indians who have settled and erected Forts on his Majesty's Lands on the River Ohio and parts adjacent thereto." Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.
Then the said Bill was Read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow morning 10 o clock.

Saturday, the 24th *day of August*, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournm^{t}.

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying five thousand pounds for and towards assisting the Colonies of Virginia and Pensilvania to dispossess the French and Indians who have settled and erected Forts on his Majesty's Lands on the River Ohio and parts adjacent thereto" be Read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council adjourned till 3 o'clock P^{t} M^{d}.

Saturday, the 24th *day of August*, 1754. P^{t} Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned to Tuesday next at 3 o'clock P^{t} Merid.

Tuesday, the 27th *day of August*, 1754. P^{t} Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council Resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying five thousand pounds for and towards assisting the Colonies of Virginia and Pensilvania to dispossess the French and Indians, who have settled and erected Forts on his Majesty's Lands, on the River Ohio, and parts adjacent thereto."
The Committee having gone through the same and being ready to make Report thereupon
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Then Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Then the Council adjourned till to Morrow 5 o'clock Pt Meridiem.

Wednesday, the 28th day of Augst, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 29th day of August, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying five thousand pounds for and towards assisting the Colonies of Virginia and Pensilvania to dispossess the French and Indians who have settled and Erected Forts on his Majesty's Lands on the River Ohio and parts adjacent thereto" be now Read the third time.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

Upon considering the 39th Article of his Majesty's Instructions to Sr Danvers Osborn and the clause of the Letter from the Secretary of the Board of Trade dated the 7th of March last Read in Council on the fifteenth day of March last and it appearing that the said Bill contains nothing contrary to or inconsistent with the said Instruction, and that it is consistent with the direction of the said Letter and that the money given for the temporary service therein mentioned may be drawn by Warrant to be issued by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council according to the purport of the said Instruction.

Resolved unanimously, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House and the House attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Honour in presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his assent to the following Act vizt

An Act for Paying Five thousand pounds for and towards assisting the Colonies of Virginia and Pensilvania to dispossess the French and Indians, who have settled and erected Forts on his Majesty's Lands, on the River Ohio, and parts adjacent thereto."

Then the said Act was published in the usual manner and his Honour was pleased to direct the General Assembly to adjourn themselves to the third Tuesday in October next then to meet and proceed upon Business.

Then the Council adjourned to the third Tuesday in October next accordingly.

Tuesday, the 15th *day of October,* 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned to Fryday the 18th Instant.

Fryday, the 18th *day of October,* 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the chair.
Mr. Banyar brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the words following.

Gentlemen,

A few days after your Recess, I received Advice that a Body of French Indians had made an Incursion into this Province, and destroyed the Settlements at Hoseck and Sinkhaick. I immediately sent Orders to replace the Stockadoes where wanting, round the City of Albany, and to repair the Block-Houses, and for the better Security of that important Post, I ordered the Company of his Majesty's Forces from this Place to Albany, detaining here only a Serjeant, and the Invalids to do Duty in Fort-George. I also, by ye Advice of his Majesty's Council, directed a Fort to be built on Hudson's River, above Albany, but as no Workmen could be prevailed on to undertake it upon the Credit of the Province, this necessary Service is left undone. You will agree with me that nothing can contribute more to the Credit of any Government, than a punctual Discharge of the Debts contracted for its own Security and Welfare, which I earnestly recommend to you, and particularly the Demand of Colonel Johnson, that has long laid before you; and for the Payment of which I hope you will now provide, as well as for all other Expences disbursed on the publick Account. This will be an Encouragement to Persons chearfully to undertake any future Work for the Province, on Emergencies that may arise, and require immediate Orders from a Governor to be carried into Execution: And as the Safety of the Province may be greatly endangered by the Want of a Sum of Money in the Treasury, to be drawn out on such pressing Occasions, I recommend this to you as a Matter worthy your Consideration.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

New York 17th October 1754.

The Council adjourned till Thursday next at 4 o clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, the 24th *day of October*, 1754. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the words following.

Gentlemen,

At my late Interview with the Indians in Albany, the Mohawks of the lower Castle made their Complaints to me, principally on two Points. That they had never sold a large Tract of Land lying between Hudsons and the Mohawks River, called Kayoderosseras, and that they intended the Lands which the Reverend Mr Barclay, then their Missionary, purchased of them, should not pass in Fee, but remain as a Glebe for ever for the use of a Minister. and therefore desired, I would pay Mr Barclay for the House, and set apart the Land for that Purpose, as you will see by the Minutes of Council, Copies of which will be laid before you herewith.

I have mentioned this to Mr Barclay, and he has generously offered to take up with the Money he has disbursed on that Place.

The Conojohary or upper Mohawks also desired, I would have a Church built at that Castle ; a Request of such a Nature that I persuade myself you will in Christian Compassion to those People enable me to comply with, and to build it of Stone that it may on an Emergency serve as a Fort, for the Security of their Wives and Children.

The Mohawks, as they live amongst us, are always at Hand to assist us, and in the late War, shewed themselves ready to join us on every Occasion, and on their Fidelity depends in a great Measure that of the other Nations. It is therefore, our Interest to give them all reasonable Encouragement, so that I must recommend it to you, to make Provision for these Purposes.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

New York 24th October 1754.

The Council adjourned til Tuesday next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Tuesday, the 29th *day of October*, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the words following

Gentlemen,

His Majesty's Receiver-General has delivered a Memorial to me, setting forth, the Difficulties which render it impossible for him to collect and receive the Quitt-Rents regularly and duly as they ought to be, without the aid of a Law for that Purpose. I send you a Copy of the Memorial as it points out a Method, which, I think will be of Benefit to his Majesty, and a great Ease to the Subject in the Collecting of those Rents for the future, by freeing them from the heavy Expence that might otherwise attend the Recovery of them. I shall readily give my Assent to a Bill of this Nature, and have no doubt, you will put it in my Power to do so, as the obliging all Persons to pay their Arrears, and to discharge their Rents as they become due, must compel those who hold large Tracts of uncultivated Lands to a speedy Settlement.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

New York 29th October 1754.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 30th *day of October*, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Cornel with a Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several duties and impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Mr Kennedy moved that a Bill which he held in his hand Entituled, "An Act for the more easy Collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for Partition of Lands in order thereto might be Read.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read accordingly.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till Thursday the seventh of November next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Thursday, the 7th *day of November*, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Intituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several duties and impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned :" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Walton with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to Regulate prosecutions by Informations" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 10 o clock in the Forenoon.

Tuesday, the 12th *day of November*, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to regulate Prosecutions by Informations" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.
A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard and Colo Beekman with the Bill Entitled, "An Act to regulate the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be now read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till Thursday next 4 o clock Post Meridiem.

Thursday, the 14th *day of November*, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor by Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary in the words following

Gentlemen,
Captain John Morke has laid before me a Memorial which I send you herewith wherein he proposes several things that I apprehend may be of considerable service to this and the other British Colonies. I therefore recommend it to you to appoint a Committee to meet a Committee of the General Assembly to take his proposals into consideration.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

New York 14th November 1754.

Mr Murray took his seat
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Gale with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue the several Acts for supporting the Garison and Trading House at Oswego with some additions" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act to regulate, the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, be now read the second time.
Then the said Bill was Read the second time and
Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.
The Council adjourned till 3 o clock to morrow afternoon.

Friday, the 15th *day of November*, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled, "An Act to regulate prosecutions by Informations" and the Committee having gone through the same
The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr Holland Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again read and agreed to and

Ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ver Plank and Mr Cruger signifying that the House have appointed the said Gentlemen and Mr Thomas and Mr Walton to be a Committee [to join a Committee of] the Council to receive the proposals of Captain John Morke at such time and place as the Council shall appoint.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers and Mr Smith be a Committee to meet the Committee appointed by the General Assembly for the purpose mentioned in the said Message and that the said Committee meet to morrow Morning at 10 o clock in the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

Ordered, that the Honoble Edward Holland Esqr acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have appointed the Honoble John Chambers and William Smith Esqrs a Committee to join the Committee of that House to receive the proposals of Captain John Morke and that the said Committees do meet in the City Hall to morrow morning at 10 o clock.

The Council adjourned til Tuesday next 11 o clock A M.

Tuesday, the 19th *day of November*, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned."

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Holland reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report it without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.

Mr Kennedy dissented to the said Bill and desired his dissent might be entered which is entered accordingly.

Ordered, that the Bill intituled, "An Act to regulate Prosecutions by Informations" be now read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended And

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do carry the Bill with the Amendment to the General Assembly and acquaint the House, that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Then the Council adjourned til 3 o clock Pt Merid.

Tuesday, the 19th *day of November*, 1754. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Beekman and Mr Le Conte, with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to impower Justices of the Peace to try Causes from forty shillings to five pounds," Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till Thursday Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 21st *day of November*, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Le Conte and Col Lott with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act intituled, An Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled, "An Act to impower Justices of the Peace to try causes from forty shillings to five pounds" be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

Whereas it appears by the Bill brought up from the Assembly Entituled, "An Act to continue the several Acts for supporting the Garison and Trading House at Oswego with some additions" that certain persons are appointed Commissioners for collecting the said Duties; which the Council conceive to be contrary to the King's Instructions and therefore it was

Ordered, that Mr Murray and Mr Holland should wait on his Honour the Lieutent Governour and desire he would be pleased to inform the Council, whether the appointment of the said Persons was by his Approbation. Who being returned Reported that they had accordingly waited on his Honour and delivered the said Message, to which his Honour was pleased to say, that he had agreed to the said Appointment.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill.

The Committee having gone through the said Bill

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report it without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the Genl Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.

Mr Banyar brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governour in the words following

Gentlemen,

I Have ordered to be laid before you an Extract of a Letter of the 5th of July last, which I lately received from the Right Honble Sir Thomas Robinson, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State; and also a Copy of a Letter which he had wrote to Governor Shirley, by his Majesty's Commands. You perceive how graciously his Majesty accepts the Services of his Subjects, for their own Defence and Security: This should animate you to act chearfully and vigorously in this Juncture, and thereby merit the Approbation of the best of Kings, who delights in the Prosperity of his People. I flatter myself I shall have your Aid to follow the laudable Example of our Neighbours of Massachusets-Bay, and to enable me to build a Fort on such a Place on Hudson's River, as shall be thought most proper for his Majesty's Service, and the Defence of our Northern Frontier; and that you will make a suitable Provision for carrying into Execution, an Undertaking so visibly calculated for the Advantage and Safety of the Colony.

You have already shewn your Zeal for the general Interest of these Provinces, by granting Five Thousand Pounds, towards the Assistance of Virginia. I am therefore fully persuaded you will not be backward in granting Supplies for the Security of this wherein you are yourselves so deeply interested.

The Officers of the Troops in Garison, at Albany, have represented to me, that the Men are entirely destitute of Bedding, without which, it is impossible, from the Coldness of the Rooms, they can subsist this Winter, having nothing but the Boards to lay on. The Defence of that City depends in a great Measure upon the Soldiery there, who must infallibly desert, unless you by a seasonable Supply relieve them, which his Majesty's Service obliges me to recommend to you to provide for without Delay.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
20th November 1754.

Then the Council adjourned till Monday next at 3 o'clock Post Merid.

Monday, the 25th day of November, 1754. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Beekman and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of the Poor in Dutches County; to enable the Inhabitants of the several Precincts thereof to elect Overseers of the Poor; and to ascertain the places of their respective meetings;" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

Mr Chambers from the joint Committees of the Council and General Assembly, appointed to receive the Proposals of Capt John Morke, Reported that the said Captn Morke had attended and laid before the Committees the Model of a floating Battery for the annoyance of Ships &c which they esteem an ingenious invention, but think the same was principally calculated for and may be more usefully employed against Fortresses and Places of strength upon Land, where the same Battery may be conveniently anchored in shallow waters, than against Ships in this or any other Port, where the waters are deep and the streams rapid.

That he also imparted to them a scheme for preserving of Timber and Ships sound and durable, in which are several useful observations and directions to that End, and of which he left a copy with the Committees.

That as to what the said Capt Morke sets forth about the Remarks and Observations he has made about Materials for Naval Stores in the Northern Colonies, and his having engaged skilful

and experienced Persons to come over upon Proper encouragement to instruct the People in the method of curing Hemp and making Tar, Pot Ash, Iron, Steel &c to much greater perfection than as yet practiced among them: The Committee are of opinion the Council are better able to judge of the expediency and fitness thereof, and of the Encouragement proper to be given the said Captn Morke for setting up and carrying on of such Manufactories within this Colony, than they are: and therefore humbly beg leave to submit the same to them."

The Council adjourned til Wednesday 3 o clock P^t Merid^m.

Wednesday the 27th day of November, 1754. P. M

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to regulate Prosecutions by Informations" and the Amendment made thereto by the Council, signifying that the House have agreed to the said Amendment and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by striking out the whole Bill except the words *An Act* in the Title, and adding thereto the Amendment proposed by the Council, agreed to by the Assembly, and annexed to the Bill which is now entituled. An Act to prevent Malicious Informations in the Supreme Court of Judicature for the Colony of New York.

A Message from the General Assembly by Cap^tn Richard and Mr Nicoll with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying and discharging several Debts due from this Colony to the Persons therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the City of New York and County of Westchester" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Janse with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising a sum not exceeding a sum of one hundred pounds on the Freeholders and Inhabitants of that part of Orange County which lies to the Northward of the Mountains for repairing the Court House in Goshen, and making an Addition thereto" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Cap^n Walton and M^r Le Conte with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to empower the Inhabitants of Oysterbay of the Congregation of the Church of England by Law Established to raise by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds for finishing the Church in Oysterbay, and purchasing a Bell for the same" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said four Bills be read.

Then the said four Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Cōmittee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue an Act entituled. An Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony."

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Holland Chairman of the Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made an Amendment to the Title, which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the same was again read and agreed to, and the amendment

Ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do carry the Bill with the amendment to the General Assembly, & acquaint the House that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to regulate the collecting the duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony."

The Committee having gone through the said Bill

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report it without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Kennedy dissented to the said Bill, and desired his dissent might be entered, which is entered accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o'clock Pt Meridm.

Thursday, the 28th *day of November*, 1754. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered. that the following Bills be now read the second time vizt

The Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of the Poor in Dutches County: to enable the Inhabitants of the several Precincts thereof to elect overseers of the Poor, and to ascertain the Places of their respective Meetings."

The Bill entituled, "An Act for paying and discharging several Debts due from this Colony to the Persons therein mentioned."

The Bill entituled, An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the City of New York and County of Westchester."

The Bill entituled, An Act for raising a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred pounds on the Freeholders and Inhabitants of that part of Orange County which lies to the Northward of the Mountains for repairing the Court House in Goshen, & making an addition thereto" &

The Bill Entituled, An Act to empower the Inhabitants of Oysterbay of the Congregation of the Church of England by Law Established, to raise by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds for finishing the Church in Oysterbay and purchasing a Bell for the same."

Then the said five Bills were read the second time and

Ordered, to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Le Conte and Mr Gale with the Bill entituled, "An Act to enable the Freeholders being Inhabitants of the west division of the County of Richmond to chuse and elect yearly at their town Meeting two constables for the said Town" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Beekman and Captn Richard with the Bill entituled, "An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein mentioned" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Beekman & Col Lott with the Bill entituled, "An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony" and the Amendment made thereto by the Council, signifying that the House have agreed to the said amendment, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended by adding to the Title the words *with an alteration thereto.*

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the more easy collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for Partition of Lands in order thereto" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered, to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o clock P^t Meridiem.

Friday, the 29th day of November, 1754. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the west Division of the County of Richmond to chuse and elect yearly at their town Meeting two constables for the said Town" and
The Bill entituled, "An Act for naturalizing the several persons therein mentioned" be now read the second time
Then the said Bills were read the second time and
Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.
A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Richard and Mr Cruger with the Bill entituled, "An Act for the payment of the Salaries and services therein mentioned to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty four" desiring the concūrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time &
Ordered a second reading.
Then the Council adjourned till Monday next 3 o clock P^t Meridiem.

Monday, the second day of December, 1754. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Col Philipse with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for a further provision towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned til to morrow 3 o clock Post Meridiem.

Tuesday, the third day of December, 1754. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for a further Provision towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Miller with the Bill entituled, "An Act to impower certain Trustees to dispose of any quantity of unappropriated Lands within the Patents of Minisink & Wawayanda for raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds from each of the said Patents to maintain and support the Title and Possessions of the Proprietors of the said Patents against the Incroachments and violent Proceedings of the People of East New Jersey, and for defraying the expence already occasioned thereby, and for other the Purposes therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Mr Kennedy moved that a Bill which he held in his hand Entituled, "An Act to regulate the purchaseing of Lands from the Indians" might be read.

Ordered, thereupon that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned til to morrow 3 o clock Post Meridiem.

Wednesday, the 4th day of December, 1754. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled, "An Act for regulating the purchasing of Lands from the Indians" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of the Poor in Dutches County; to enable the Inhabitants of the several precincts thereof to elect overseers of the Poor, and to ascertain the places of their respective Meetings."

The Committee having gone through the said Bill,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill entituled, "An Act for raising a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred pounds on the Freeholders and Inhabitants of that part of Orange County which lies to the Northward of the Mountains for repairing the Court House at Goshen & making an addition thereto."

The Committee having gone through the same,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Kennedy dissented to the said Bill, and desired his dissent might be entered, which is entered accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act to empower the Inhabitants of Oysterbay of the congregation of the Church of England by Law established, to raise by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds for finishing the Church in Oysterbay, and purchasing a Bell for the same."

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Alexander and Mr Smith dissented to the said Bill, and assigned this Reason "that in their opinion there ought to have been added in the Title and Body of the Bill, immediately after the words Church of England by Law established, these further words in South Britain.

Mr Kennedy also dissented to the said Bill.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, An Act to enable the Freeholders being Inhabitants of the west Division of the County of Richmond to chuse and elect yearly at their Town Meeeting two constables for the said Town.

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said without any Amendment.

The Council observing in the Bill brought up from the Assembly entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred & twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery, for a further provision towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony" that certain persons are named therein as Managers of the said Lottery, which they conceive is contrary to his Majesty's Instructions. It is

Ordered, that Mr Murray and Mr Chambers do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and desire he will be pleased to inform the Council, whether the said Appointment is by his Approbation.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the City of New York and County of Westchester"

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report it without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly, that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to morrow 3 o clock Pt Meridm.

Thursday, the fifth day of December, 1754. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono:* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers reported that he had waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and delivered the Message of the Council, desiring he would be pleased to inform the Council whether the Appointment of the Managers for the publick Lottery in the Bill entituled, "An Act for raising the sum of £1125 by a publick Lottery for a further Provision towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony" was by his Honour's approbation, to which his Honour was pleased to say, that the Persons appointed had been proposed to him and that he had approved of them.

Then the Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill and

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Cõmittee, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Mr. Kennedy dissented to the passing the said Bill, and desired his dissent might be entered, which is entered accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled, "An Act for the payment of the Salaries and services therein mentioned to the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and fifty five" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill entituled, "An Act to impower Justices of the Peace to try causes from forty shillings to five pounds."

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read and agreed to by the Council, and the Amendments

Ordered to be engrossed: and the Bill

Ordered, a third reading as amended.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to impower certain Trustees to dispose of any quantity of unappropriated Lands within the Patents of Minisink and Wawayanda, for raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds from each of the said Patents to maintain and support the title and Possessions of the Proprietors of the said Patents against the Incroachments and

violent proceedings of the People of New Jersey, and for defraying the expence already occasioned thereby, and for other the purposes therein mentioned" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them

Then the Council adjourned til to morrow morning 10 o clock.

Friday, the 6th day of December, 1754. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled, "An Act to impower Justices of the Peace to try causes from forty shillings to five pounds" be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do carry the Bill with the amendments to the General Assembly and acquaint the House that the Council have passed the Bill with the said amendments to which the Council desire their concurrence.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill entituled, "An Act to impower certain Trustees to dispose of any quantity of unappropriated Lands within the Patents of Minisink and Wawayanda, for raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds from each of the said Patents to maintain and support the title and Possessions of the Proprietors of the said Patents against the Incroachments and violent Proceedings of the People of East New Jersey, and for defraying the expence already occasioned thereby, and for other the purposes therein mentioned."

The Committee having gone through the same,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Murray Chairman of the Committee in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, altered the Title and made several amendments to the Bill, which he read, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and agreed to by the Council and the Amendments

Ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Mr Alexander dissented to the said Bill and his dissent is entered accordingly, with leave to enter his Reasons if he thinks proper.

Ordered, that Mr Murray do carry the Bill with the Amendments to the General Assembly and acquaint the House that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendments to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message from the Assembly by Captn Richard and Col Philipse with the Blll Entituled, "An Act to impower Justices of the Peace to try causes from forty shillings to five pounds" with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, signifying that the Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended as follows.

Page.	Line.	
1	12	After the word Plaintif insert *or his Attorney*.
	19	After *agreable* insert *to* instead of *with*.
	30	After *shall* insert *issue his Warrant and proceed in the same manner as is above directed* and strike out all the rest of that page.
2	15	After *Justice* strike out *to* & instead thereof insert *that such Action*.
4	21	At the end of the line insert [Provided that the whole costs to be recovered or allowed in any one Cause or Action, shall not exceed the sum of forty shillings.]

At the End of the Bill add the following clause:

[This Act to be in force from the publication thereof, until the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.]

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Gale with the Bill Entituled, An Act to impower certain Trustees to dispose of any quantity of unappropriated Lands within the Patents of Minisink & Wawayanda for raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds from each of the said Patents to maintain and support the Title and Possessions of the Proprietors of the said Patents against the Incroachments and violent Proceedings of the People of East New Jersey and for defraying the Expence already occasioned thereby and for other the purposes therein mentioned" with the Amendments made thereto by the Council signifying that the Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended as follows vizt

Page 1 line 1. After the words An Act in the Title, the rest of the Title was struck out, and instead thereof these words were inserted as the remaining part of the Title. *for submitting the controversy between the Colonies of New York and New Jersey relating to the Partition Line between the said Colonies to the final determination of his Majesty.*

All the rest of that page and the whole of pages two and three and so much of page four as to the word *Whereas* in the 23^d line were struck out.

Page 5 line 34. After the word *notifyed* the words *to all Parties interested in the said Controversy* were struck out, and all the last clause of the Bill page 6 Beginning in Line 16.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Saturday, the 7th day of December, 1754.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying and discharging several Debts due from this Colony to the Persons therein mentioned"

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

And thereupon the Speaker put the Question

Whether the Bill should be read the third time or Not?

Which passed in the Negative

BECAUSE the Council were of opinion the said Bill is inconsistent with the 39th Article of his Majesty's Instructions to Sir Danvers Osborn: And Mr Alexander added this further reason "For that he has not seen any vouchers to prove that the debts thereby provided for are due and just."

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill entituled, "An Act for the payment of the Salaries and services therein mentioned to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty five."

The Cōmittee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

And thereupon the Speaker put the question

Whether the Bill should be read the third time or Not?

Which passed in the Negative

BECAUSE the Council were of opinion the said Bill is inconsistent with the 39th Article of his Majesty's Instructions to Sir Danvers Osborn.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governour being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of that House and the House attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Honour in presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills viz[t]

An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act to prevent malicious informations in the Supreme Court of Judicature of the Colony of New York.

An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony.

An Act to continue the several Acts for supporting the Garison and trading House at Oswego with some additions.

An Act to impower Justices of the Peace to try Causes from forty shillings to five pounds.

An Act to continue An Act intituled, An Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony, with an Alteration thereto.

An Act for the Relief of the Poor in Dutches County; to enable the Inhabitants of the several Precincts thereof to elect Overseers of the Poor, and to ascertain the places of their respective Meetings.

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the City of New York and County of Westchester.

An Act for raising a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred pounds on the Freeholders and Inhabitants of that part of Orange County which lies to the Northward of the Mountains, for repairing the Court House at Goshen, and making an addition thereto.

An Act to enable the Freeholders being Inhabitants of the west Division of the County of Richmond to chuse and elect yearly at their Town Meeting two Constables for the said Town.

An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for a further Provision towards founding a College for the Advancement of Learning within this Colony. &

An Act for submitting the controversy between the Colonies of New York and New Jersey, relating to the Partition Line between the said Colonies to the final determination of his Majesty.

Then the said twelve Acts were published in the usual manner And his Honour the Lieutenant Governour, the Council and General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, His Honour was pleased to direct the General Assembly to adjourn themselves to the second Tuesday in March next.

His Honour left the Council Chamber and the General Assembly returned to the Assembly Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Council adjourned till the second Tuesday in March next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXX., 1.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief
(L. S.) in and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to the second *Tuesday* in *March* next, And Whereas his Majesty's service requires that they should sit sooner for the dispatch of Business, I Have therefore thought fit by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council to issue this Proclamation hereby ordaining and appointing that the said General Assembly shall meet and the said General Assembly is directed and required to meet to proceed on Business on *Tuesday* the *fourth* day of *February* next at the *City Hall* in the City of *New York* Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein, are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *tenth* day of *January* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty five and of his Majesty's Reign the *twenty eighth*.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By his Honours Command

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God save the KING.

Tuesday the fourth day of February, One thousand seven hundred and fifty five.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having been pleased on the tenth day of January last to issue a Proclamation for convening the General Assembly on this day

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, with several other Papers: Which Message being read is in the words following vizt

Gentlemen,

I thought it necessary to call you together before the Time to which you were adjourned Two causes have principally induced me to take this Step. Since your Recess, I have received a Letter from the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Robinson, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, a Copy of which is herewith sent you, acquainting me with the Measures which the King has thought proper to take for the Defence of his just Rights and Dominions in North-America, and for the Security and Welfare of his Subjects in these Parts. These are such Proofs of his Majesty's Regard to us, as ought to excite us to take the most vigorous Steps to repel our common danger, and rouse up that Emulation and Spirit, which every man owes at this Time, to his Majesty, the Publick, and himself. I do therefore most earnestly recommend it to you, that in Duty to his Majesty, and in Gratitude for so signal Instances of his paternal Care of you, you will make sufficient Provision to enable me fully to come up to what his Majesty so justly expects at your Hands.

While the King's Troops are employed in the Defence of his just Rights, we have all the Reason, under God, to expect a happy Issue: And from the Maxims and Practices of our foreign Neighbours, have we not Cause to apprehend that they will make some vigorous push to revenge themselves on one or other of the British Colonies: And if we continue in our present defenceless State, what more probable, than that they will bend their Force this way. This is an alarming Consideration, and, I hope, will have the proper Weight with you, not to discourage, but rather to animate you to fall upon such Ways and Methods (they are in your own Power) as will encourage Men with Alacrity to fight for the Honour of their King, and for the most valuable Blessings, their Religion, their Liberties, and their Property. These are Motives, which would inspire any Man with Courage. But what can the bravest Men do, without proper Works to cover them, and annoy the Enemy? Let me therefore exhort you, to put the Province in such a Posture of Defence, and that without Delay, that whenever an Enemy shall think proper to visit us, we may by the Blessing of God, give them such a Reception, as may discountenance all future Attempts to conquer and enslave us. Besides, there is this very considerable Advantage in being well fortified, that an Enemy will not think of attacking a Place, where they must expect a very rough Treatment, with little hopes of Success.

In the first Place then, the Fortifications of this City ought to be repaired, or altered, and other Works made, where the Commander in Chief with the Advice of the Council, and the Assistance of the best Engineers that can be had, shall think most conducive to the common Safety; with this View, and in full Dependance that you will not neglect your own Security, I have already applied to General Braddock, to send an able Engineer to this Place, if one can be spared. Nothing can be more evident to a considering Man, than that the Value every Estate in the Province, depends on the Trade, and of Course on the Safety of this City; so that there is the highest Reason it should be effectually secured.

In the next Place, our northern Frontier, demands your most serious Attention. The City of Albany, is in such a Condition, as draws a Reproach upon us from our own Indians, at the same Time that it greatly discourages them. They publickly declared at the last Interview, that it was a Shame to see us so open and defenceless; and said, that the French who are just at our Doors, could come in at Night and turn us all out.

Albany, should therefore be strengthened; for if that be taken I do not see what could stop an Enemy from passing on the West Side of Hudson's River, through Ulster and Orange, even into Jersey or Pennsylvania: and being Masters of Albany, they would cut off all Communication between us, and the Indians, and the Settlements on the Mohawks River.

It is necessary to have a strong Fort built in some advanced Place on Hudson's River, well garrison'd, and whence a Number of Scouts may be employed to gain Intelligence, and give Notice of the approach of an Enemy, that the Inhabitants may be on their Guard, and ready to

receive them; and be able to intercept any small Parties that come to disturb or destroy the Out-Settlements. Such a Fort would be of Service to the whole Country.

The Militia Act, should be made more effectual to compel Men to do their Duty in Case of an Invasion.

I have already laid before you several of these Matters, and others Relative to the Indians; which you will take into Consideration. I send you a Copy of a Letter from the Commissioners for Indian Affairs, and an Extract of another I received from the Corporation of Albany. It will be proper to make Provision for contingent Services, suitable to the Exigency of the Times. and as an Interview with the Indians may be necessary this Year, you will think of making Provision for that Purpose.

Gentlemen,

The Services I have now recommended to you, demand a large Supply of Money; but as Security cannot be purchased at too high a Rate, I flatter myself, you will not risque loosing your All, by an ill-timed Parsimony. I can have no Interest therein, but what is yours: Let me entreat you then, to apply your selves most seriously to consider of such Funds, as will be sufficient to defray all the Expences necessary for your own Preservation, and the Continuance of the Blessings we now enjoy.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
4th February 1755

And the Message and Papers being read
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the fifth day of February, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono.* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that a Bill be brought in for regulating the Militia of this Colony: and that Mr Kennedy and Mr Chambers prepare and bring in the same by Saturday next.

The Council adjourned till Saturday next 3 o clock P. M.

Saturday, the eighth day of February, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Kennedy and Mr Chambers according to order presented a Bill entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read: and

Ordered to be read a second time.

The Council adjourned till Monday next 3 o clock P. M.

Monday, the tenth day of February, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono.* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York, was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them
The Council adjourned til to Morrow 3 o clock P: Merid.

Tuesday, the 11th *day of February,* 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono.* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieut^{t} Governor in the words following vizt

Gentlemen,
There is at this Time, a very pernicious Trade carried on from this Province, which deserves your Consideration. The French at Louisbourgh, are furnished with Provisions from this and some other of the Northern Colonies, whence they supply Canada and their Forces on the Ohio; and are thereby in a Condition to support themselves in their Encroachments on his Majesty's Territories.
I therefore think it will be for his Majesty's Service and the general Safety, that a Law be passed to restrain this evil Practice, impower the Commander in Chief with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to put a Stop to it when necessary, by laying such Penalties on the Owners, Freighters and Masters of Vessells using this Trade, as May discourage them from prosecuting a Business of such visible bad Consequences to the general interest.

JAMES DELANCEY.

City of New York
11th February 1755.

The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved themselves into a Committee on the Bill entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York, And after some time spent therein,
Mr Speaker assumed the Chair, and
Mr Chambers reported that the Committee had made some progress in the said Bill & desired they might have leave to sit again.
Ordered, that leave be given accordingly.
The Council adjourned to Thursday next at 3 o clock P. M.

Thursday, the 13th *day of February*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York, and after sometime spent thereon,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers reported that the Committee had made some further Progress in the said Bill and desired leave to sit again.
Ordered, that leave be given accordingly.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o clock P. M.

Friday, the fourteenth day of February, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Le Conte, with the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising a supply of forty five thousand pounds, by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal for putting this Colony into a proper posture of Defence; for furthering his Majesty's Designs against his Enemies in North America; and other the purposes therein mentioned; for emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum; and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short periods: Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled, "An Act to restrain the sending of Provisions to Cape Breton, or any other French Port or Settlement on the Continent of North America, or Islands nigh or adjacent thereto" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.
Then the said two Bills were read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Saturday, the 15th *day of February*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising a supply of forty five thousand pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal for putting this Colony in a proper posture of defence; for furthering his Majesty's Designs against his Enemies in North America, and other the

purposes therein mentioned; for emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum, and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short periods" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to restrain the sending of Provisions to Cape Breton, or any other French Port or Settlement on the Continent of North America or Islands nigh or adjacent thereto" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York, And after some time spent therein

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments, and added several Clauses thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, where the same were read, and agreed to. And the Bill with the Amendments

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Council observing in the Bill brought up to this House from the General Assembly Entituled, "An Act for raising a supply of forty five thousand pounds by a Tax on Estates Real & Personal for putting this Colony into a proper Posture of Defence, for furthering his Majesty's Designs against his Enemies in North America, and other the Purposes therein mentioned; for emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum; and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short periods" that certain persons are appointed in the said Bill Managers or Commissioners for receiving the said Moneys, purchasing Materials and employing Workmen for repairing and erecting Fortifications. Which appointment the Council conceive to be contrary to his Majesty's Instructions. It is therefore

Ordered, that Mr Holland and Mr Chambers do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and desire he will be pleased to inform the Council whether the said Appointment was by his approbation.

The Council adjourned till Monday 3 o clock P. M.

Monday, the seventeenth day of February, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers Reported, that according to order he had waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor with the Message from the Council desiring his Honour would be pleased to inform them whether the Appointment of the Managers for receiving and issuing the Moneys proposed to be granted by the Bill Entituled, "An Act for raising a supply of forty five thousand pounds by a Tax on Estates real and Personal for putting this Colony in a proper posture of defence, for furthering his Majesty's designs against his Enemies in North America, and other the Purposes therein mentioned, for emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum, and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short periods" was by his Honours approbation, and that he was pleased to say he had approved of the Persons appointed Managers in the said Bill.

The Speaker then left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and having gone through the same,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Cõmittee of the whole House, Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and desired him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled, "An Act to restrain the sending of Provisions to Cape Breton or any other French Port or Settlement on the Continent of North America, or Islands nigh or adjacent thereto. And the Committee having gone through the same,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House, Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

Then the Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Tuesday, the eighteenth day of February, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York, was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and acquaint the House that the Council have passed the said Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o clock Pt M.

Wednesday, the nineteenth day of February, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Richard and Mr Watts with the Bill entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York, acquainting the Council that the House have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly, requiring the immediate attendance of that House, and the House attending accordingly,

His Honour was pleased in the presence of the Council and General Assembly to give his Assent to the three following Bills vizt

An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York.

An Act for raising a supply of forty five thousand pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal, for putting this Colony into a proper posture of defence, for furthering his Majesty's designs against his Enemies in North America, and other the purposes therein mentioned, for emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum, and for sinking and cancelling the said Bill in short Periods.

An Act to restrain the sending of Provisions to Cape Breton, or any other French Port or Settlement on the Continent of North America or Islands nigh or adjacent thereto.

Then the said Acts were published in the usual manner, and his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House to the Second Tuesday in March next.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned to the second Tuesday in March next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXX., 46.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governour and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories Depending thereon in *America*.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to this day I have thought fit by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to adjourn And I do hereby adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *eighteenth* day of *March* Instant of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *eleventh* day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty five and in the *twenty eighth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By his Honours Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXX., 47.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province is adjourned to *Tuesday* the *eighteenth* day of this Month, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty fifth* day of *March* Instant then to meet at the *City Hall* in the City of *New York* to proceed upon Business of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fourteenth* day of *March* one thousand seven hundred and fifty five in the twenty eighth year of his Majesty's Reign.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry*

God save the KING.

Tuesday, the twenty fifth day of March, 1755.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of this Province having been pleased by a proclamation dated the eleventh day of March Instant to adjourn the General Assembly to the eighteenth day of the present Month and also by another Proclamation dated the fourteenth day of this Month, further to adjourn the General Assembly to this day.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock to Morrow Afternoon.

Wednesday, the twenty sixth day of March, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message and several Papers from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which Message is in the words following vizt

Gentlemen,

I have the Pleasure to acquaint you with the Arrival of General Braddock, and the two Regiments ordered by his Majesty to Virginia. This makes it necessary for me again to recommend to you the enabling me to quarter the Troops, impress Carriages, and provide all Necessaries for such Forces as shall arrive or be raised within this Government, these being Services of a local and peculiar Nature: And further that you would raise as large a Sum as can be afforded, as your Contribution to a common Fund for all Articles which are of a more general Concern, to be employed provisionally for the general Service of North-America until such Time as a Plan of general Union of his Majesty's Northern Colonies for their common Defence, can be perfected, according to his Majesty's Pleasure signified to me by a Letter of the 26th of October last, from the Right Hono^ble Sir Thomas Robinson, already laid before you.

I send you herewith Copies of some Papers I received from his Excellency Governor Shirley, which are of such Importance as require your early and most serious Attention, the rather as the Measures proposed therein tend to unite our common Strength for our common Defence, and I hope, will lead us into a general Union for the general Welfare. The French Encroachments are chiefly owing to the Want of this. If the British Colonies act in concert, they will soon be able with his Majesty's Assistance, to check and remove them. You will not, I am persuaded, be so regardless of your Safety as to neglect the Means and Measures for your own Preservation, but in this, and all other Instances show your Readiness to join with the other Colonies in all reasonable Methods to protect and secure your selves and the common Interest, and avoid the disadvantageous Imputation of backwardness on your Part to engage in a Plan calculated for the Good of the Whole.

I am under a Difficulty to get the Garison of Oswego supplied with Provisions, the contractor being unwilling by Reason of the Disappointments in his Pay, to disburse any further Sums in that Service. You will therefore think of making Provision, that the publick may not suffer through any Delay of Payment, and particularly that this Garrison of so great Importance be not in Danger of being lost.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
26th March 1755.

On reading the said Message and the Papers from Governor Shirley therein referred to,

Ordered, that Mr Holland, Mr Chambers and Mr Smith be a Committee to confer with a Committee of the General Assembly on the subject matter of the said Message and Papers; with Power to the said Committee to confer thereupon with Thomas Pownall Esqr Commissioner on the part of the Government of the Massachusets-Bay.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly, that the Council have appointed Mr Holland, himself, and Mr Smith, a Committee to confer with a Committee of that House on the subject Matter of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Message of this day, and the Papers from his Excellency Governor Shirley referred to in the said Message, with Power to the said Committee of the Council to confer on the said Matters with Thomas Pownall Esqr Commissioner on the part of the Government of the Massachusets-Bay. And that the Council desire the General Assembly to appoint a Committee of their House to join the said Committee of the Council for the like purposes.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Mr Cornell, acquainting the Council that the House have appointed Mr Verplanck, Mr Livingston, Mr Nicoll, Mr Cruger, Captn Walton and Mr Thomas a Committee to join the Cōmmee of the Council, to confer with them on the subject matter of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Message of this day, and the Papers from his Excellency Governor Shirley referred to in the said Message, with Power to confer with Thomas Pownall Esqr Commissioner on the part of the Government of the Massachusets Bay, on the said Matters.

Ordered, that the said joint Committees of the Council and General Assembly to meet immediately at the House of Mr Edward Willet for the purposes aforesaid.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have appointed the joint Committees of the Council and General Assembly to meet immediately at the House of Edward Willet.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 27th day of March, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Holland from the Committee appointed to meet and confer with a Committee of the General Assembly upon the subject matter of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Message of the 26th Instant, and the Papers from his Excellency Governor Shirley referred to in the said Message, and also to confer thereupon with Thomas Pownall Esqr Commissioner on the part of the Government of the Massachusets Bay, Reported that the joint Committee had met and conferred together, and with the said Thomas Pownall Esqr upon the subject of the matters referred to them and that the joint Committee had come to the following Resolutions.

First That the Scheme proposed by Governor Shirley for the defence of the British Colonies in North America is well concerted.

Secondly That this Colony join therein, if the General appointed by his Majesty to command the Forces in North America approves of the said Scheme.

Thirdly That this Colony raise and subsist eight hundred men, if the Colony of Massachusets Bay raise and subsist fourteen hundred men according to the proportion settled by the Commissioners as reasonable, at the Congress at Albany in June last.

Fourthly That if a sufficient number of Forces be sent up Kennebeck River, to make a diversion there, by the Government of the Massachusets Bay, the joint Committee is of opinion it may be equivalent to two hundred men, in which that Colony is by the Committee thought deficient, in only proposing twelve hundred Men to be raised at their expence in the intended enterprize.

And the Question being put

Whether the Council agree with the Committee in their Report?

Resolved, that the Council do agree to the said Report.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint his Honour the Lieutenant Governor with the said Report and Resolution.

The Council adjourned till Saturday afternoon 3 o'clock.

Saturday, the 29th day of March, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of that House.
And the House attending accordingly.
His Honour recommended to them to return to the House and adjourn to Tuesday the twenty second day of April next, then to meet to proceed upon Business without further notice.
And then His Honour withdrew.
The Council adjourned to Tuesday the 22d day of April next.

Tuesday, the 22d day of April, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock.

Wednesday, the 23d day of April, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the words following.

Gentlemen,

Since our late Meeting I have been at Alexandria in Virginia to confer with General Braddock, and I now acquaint you that he approves of Governor Shirleys plan which I laid before you, so that you will proceed with the utmost dispatch on the ways and means to enable me to carry into execution that part of it which this Province has undertaken according to your Resolution of the 27th of the last month.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

Fort George New York
23d April 1755.

The Council adjourned till Thursday the first day of May next.

Thursday, the 1st *day of May,* 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard and Mr Nicoll, with the Bill Intitled, "An Act to prevent Infectious distempers being brought into this Colony and to hinder the spreading thereof" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colo Beekman and Mr Mynderse with the Bill entitled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Schonectady to fortify the said Town" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock P. M.

Thursday, the 1st *day of May,* 1755.

PRESENT As in the forenoon.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to prevent Infectious distempers being brought into this Colony and to hinder the spreading thereof" and

The Bill Entitled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Schonectady to fortify the said Town" be read the second time.

Then the said two Bills were read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

A Bill intitled, An Act to continue An Act intitled, An Act to restrain the sending of Provisions to Cape Breton, or any other French Port or Settlement on the Continent of North America or Islands nigh or adjacent thereto, was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Fryday, the 2d *day of May,* 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esq, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entitled, "An Act to prevent Infectious Distempers being brought into this Colony and to hinder the spreading thereof" and

The Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Schonectady to Fortify the said Town."

The Committee having gone through the said two Bills

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers Chairman of the Committee to whom the first of the said two Bills were referred, in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report it without Amendment, and

Mr Holland Chairman of the Committee to whom the second of the said two Bills was referred in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report it without Amendment.

Which Reports on the Question being severally put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read the third time.

Then the said two Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said two Bills do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Walton and Colo Philipse with Bill Entitled, "An Act for paying and subsisting eight complete companies of one hundred effective men each, officers included, to assist in conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies in erecting one or more Forts nigh Crown point within his Majesty's Dominions, for raising the sum of ten thousand pounds for and towards the said service, and for making current Bills of Credit to the amount thereof and other the purposes therein mentioned" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to continue An Act Entitled, An Act to restrain the sending of Provisions to Cape Breton or any other French Port or Settlement on the Continent of North America or Islands nigh or adjacent thereto" be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock P M.

Fryday, the 2d day of May, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* James Alexander, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying and subsisting eight complete companies of one hundred effective men each, Officers included, to assist in conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies, in Erecting one or more Forts nigh Crown point within his Majesty's Dominions, for raising the sum of ten thousand pounds for and towards the said service, and for making current Bills of Credit to the amount thereof, and other the purposes therein mentioned" be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colo Beekman and Capt Richard with the Bill intitled, "An Act for impressing Ship Carpenters, House Carpenters, Joiners, Sawyers, and their Servants, and all other Artificers and Labourers, for the building of Battoes, and also for impressing Horses, Waggons, Battoes, Scows, Steersmen, and all other things necessary for transporting men, Carriages and all necessaries for erecting a Fort or Forts nigh Crown point on his Majesty's Lands, and other Fortifications within this Colony, and for Limitting and ascertaining the Prices and Rates of all materials requisite thereto" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair

The Council resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entitled, "An Act to continue An Act intitled, An Act to restrain the sending of Provisions to Cape Breton or any other French Port or Settlement on the Continent of North America or Islands nigh or adjacent thereto."

The Committee having gone through the said Bill

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report it without Amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed and being engrossed

Ordered, that the engrossed Bill be read the third time.

Then the said engrossed Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their concurrence.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 3d day of May, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, That the Bill Entituled, "An Act for impressing Ship Carpenters, House Carpenters Joiners, Sawyers, and their Servants and all other Artificers and Labourers for the building of Battoes; and also for impressing Horses, Waggons, Battoes, Scows, Steersmen and all other things necessary for transporting men, Carriages, and all necessaries for erecting a Fort or Forts nigh Crown point on his Majesty's Lands and other Fortifications within this Colony, and for Limitting and ascertaining the prices and rates of all materials requisite thereto" be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the said Bill and having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report it without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colo Beekman and Captain Walton with the Bill entitled, "An Act to continue An Act intitled, An Act to restrain the sending of Provisions to Cape Breton or any other French Port or Settlement on the Continent of North America or Islands nigh or adjacent thereto" acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill without amendment.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock P M.

Saturday, the 3d day of May, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council observing in the Bill entitled, "An Act for paying and subsisting eight complete companies of one hundred effective men each, officers included, to assist in conjunction with the neighbouring colonies, in erecting one or more Forts nigh Crown point within his Majesty's Dominions, for raising the sum of Ten thousand pounds for and towards the said service, and for making current Bills of credit to the amount thereof and other the purposes therein mentioned" that certain persons are appointed in the said Bill Commissioners for receiving and issuing monies granted by the said Bill which the Council conceive to be contrary to his Majesty's Instructions. It is therefore

Ordered, that Mr Holland and Mr Smith do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governour and desire he will be please to inform the Council whether the said appointment was by his approbation.

Mr Smith Reported that he waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and delivered the said Message to which his Honour was pleased to say. I approve of the Gentlemen who are named in the Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entituled, "An Act for paying and subsisting eight complete companies of one hundred effective men each to assist in conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies in erecting one or more Forts nigh Crown point within his Majesty's Dominions, for raising the sum of Ten Thousand pounds for and towards the said service, and for making current Bills of Credit to the amount thereof and other the purposes therein mentioned."

The Committee having gone through the said Bill

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Smith Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill Entitled, "An Act for naturalizing the several persons therein mentioned."

The Committee having gone thro' the same.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly to require their immediate attendance, and they attending accordingly,

The Governor in presence of the Council and General Assembly gave his Assent to the following Bills vizt

An Act for paying and subsisting eight complete companies of one hundred effective men each, officers included, to assist in conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies in erecting one or more Forts nigh Crown Point, within his Majesty's Dominions; for raising the sum of ten thousand pounds for and towards the said service, and for making current Bills of credit to the amount thereof, and other the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for impressing Ship Carpenters, House Carpenters, Joiners, Sawyers, and their Servants, and all other Artificers and Labourers for the building of Batoes and also for impressing Horses, Waggons, Batoes, Scows, Steersmen, and all other things necessary for transporting men, Carriages and all other necessaries for erecting a Fort or Forts nigh Crown point on his Majesty's Lands, and other Fortifications within this Colony, and for Limiting and ascertaining the prices and rates of all materials requisite thereto.

An Act to prevent infectious Distempers being brought into this Colony and to hinder the spreading thereof.

An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Schonectady to fortify the said Town.

An Act to continue An Act intitled, An Act to restrain the sending of Provisions to Cape Breton or any other French Port or Settlement on the Continent of North America or Island nigh or adjacent thereto and

An Act for Naturalizing the several persons therein mentioned.

And then his Honour directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House to Tuesday the twentyeth day of May next.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday the 20th day of May next.

Tuesday, the 20th *day of May,* 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The General Assembly being adjourned to Tuesday next

The Council therefore adjourned to the same day.

Tuesday, the 27th *day of May,* 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the words following vizt

Gentlemen,

I shall order a Copy of a Letter I lately received from the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Robinson, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to be laid before you; and as it is a fresh Instance of his Majesty's Paternal Care of his Colonies and Subjects in North-America, you will read it with the Pleasure that becomes the most dutifull and loyal Subjects, sensible that the King is determined nothing shall be wanting towards their Support. This Consideration ought to induce you chearfully to comply with what is expected from you by his Majesty, and to shew your Gratitude to the best of Kings, by enabling me to effect the intended Augmentation of his Majesty's Troops in America, and to defray the Charge of levying the same.

During your Recess I made Application to the Government of Connecticut, to raise a Number of Men in that Colony, in the Pay of this Province, and have obtained Leave to raise three Companies, as you will see by a Copy of the Resolve of the Assembly, which I shall order to be laid before you. I have given Warrants to five other Persons, such as were recommended to me as able to raise Companies, which I hope they will soon compleat. I have ordered Cartouch Boxes to be made, this Article being omitted in the Act lately passed; and which you will now

provide for. I have wrote to Governor Dinwidde, requesting the Loan of Arms for the Men, but have as yet received no Answer; it will therefore be necessary to make Provision for a Supply of Arms, in Case we should be disappointed of those. It will likewise be necessary to cause such Forts to be erected on Hudson's River, and in other Places, as shall be thought expedient for securing Stores, sheltering Men, and receiving the Sick and Wounded, and keeping open a Communication between Albany and the Provincial Troops; and to build a proper Vessel to command the Navigation of the Lake, and thereby deter the French Indians from passing this way. You are well apprized that the Assistance of a number of Indians may contribute greatly to the Success of the present Expedition; and that when engaged, they must be supplied with Arms, Ammunition and Provisions. And as these Things cannot be executed without a considerable Expence, I earnestly recommend it to you to make immediate Provision for them, by furnishing the Proportion of this Colony towards this Common Charge, and the Expences that Major General Johnson, Commander in Chief of the Provincial Troops, will unavoidably be put to. And I think that the Provinces concerned, ought to make him Appointments suitable to his Rank and Station.

When I attended General Braddock, and Commodore Keppel, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in North-America, with several of the Governors of the Provinces in Council at Alexandria, the Plan of Operation for this Summer, was concerted: One Article of which, will be laid before you, relating to the Presents to be made to the Indians. This was a Service so essentially necessary, that I can have no doubt, but you will immediately raise Money to defray that part of it which I undertook in Behalf of this Province.

General Braddock considering the Fort at Oswego, as a Post of the greatest Importance, and having been informed of its present defenceless Condition, and the Weakness of its Garrison, has ordered the Effectives of the two Independent Companies and two Companies of Sir William Pepperells Regiment thither, to reinforce it; and as this Service required the utmost Dispatch, and could admit of no Delay, and that a Post of so great Consequence to this and the other Colonies, might not be exposed to the Danger of a Surprize from the French, who pass it in great Numbers in their Way to and from the Ohio, I thought it for his Majesty's Service, and with the Advice of the Council, I ordered Battoes to be built, and Provisions and other Necessaries to be supplied out of the Five Thousand Pounds, appropriated among others, for the extraordinary Services which may be judged necessary for the Use and Security of this Colony, in this critical and extraordinary Conjuncture; and as soon as the Accounts of the Charges are brought in, I shall order them to be laid before you. The importance of the Post, the Necessity of a speedy Reinforcement of Men, and a Supply of Provisions for them, induced me to take these Measures, which I conceived to be of the utmost Service to this and his Majesty's other Colonies, as they secure the Pass into the Indian Country, and into this Province; and will tend to encourage the Five Nations to declare themselves for us, when they see so strong a Garrison at that Place.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

Fort George New York
27 May 1755.

Then the said Message and the papers therein referred to were read.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Afternoon 3 o clock

Wednesday, the 28th day of May, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled, "An Act for the more easy collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for Partition of Lands in order thereto" and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Chambers Reported that the Committee had made some progress therein and desired leave to sit again.
Ordered, that leave be given accordingly.
The Council adjourned till 3 o clock to morrow afternoon.

Thursday, the 29th *day of May,* 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Bill Entitled An Act for the more easy collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for partition of Lands in order thereto" was referred Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed.

The Council adjourned till Saturday next.

Saturday, the 31st *day of May,* 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Governor having directed the General Assembly to adjourn to Tuesday the Tenth day of June next

The Council adjourned to the said tenth day of June next.

Tuesday, the 10th *day of June,* 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor by Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary in the words following viz

Gentlemen,

I have received from the Honourable Robert Dinwiddie, Esq; Governor of Virginia, 600 stands of Arms, and their proper Accoutrements, for the Use of the Troops raised in this Province: The Cost of them, and the Reasons why he could not spare 200 more, you will find in the Copy of his Letter. I desire you will make Provision for sending Governor Dinwiddie a Bill of Exchange for the Amount, which I think the best Method, or find Means to replace the like Number and of equal Goodness.

I have before recommended to you to pass a Bill more effectually to restrain and prevent the selling of Rum to the Indians: Complaints of this Abuse are frequent, and it may have very fatal Consequences; and therefore I again recommend it to your Consideration, and that you would insert a Clause to punish the Buyers or pretended Exchangers of their Arms, Ammunition, or Clothing. I have lately had a Complaint from the Minister of Auchwick, and a fresh one

from General Johnson, on this Subject, which I shall order to be laid before you. The Mischief is great and growing, and requires a speedy and severe Remedy.

In the Quotas to be settled for the contingent Charges which may arise, none of the Colonies ought at present to be considered, but such as are engaged in the Expedition, least the Service should suffer by it, or by too minute a Calculation. The proposed Expedition is of such Consequence that it ought not to be retarded by any light Consideration.

Having been informed that the General of Canada had invited the Six Nations to a Meeting this Spring, at Montreal, I thought it necessary to use my Endeavours to prevent it, and to that End sent them a Present of Indian Corn, and directed the Commissioners for Indian Affairs, to send a proper Person into their Country to diswade them from going thither. Mr Van Schaick, the Recorder of Albany, who went on that Service, is returned, and acquaints me by Letter, that he had left them in very good Humour; that they were well pleased with the Notice taken of them, and that all the Six Nations were seemingly unanimous in continuing firmly attached to his Majesty's Interest. This Service should be provided for, as also that of the Smiths I sent to reside in the Indian Country. I have received the Account of those who were at Onondaga, which shall be laid before you.

I have received good Accounts of the Levies made in Albany and Westchester Counties, for the Service of this Province, and soon expect a satisfactory one from Governor Fitch. I have been disappointed on Nassau Island, and have sent an Express into Dutches County, where I hope for Success; but that a Service which so nearly concerns the Welfare of this Country, may not be retarded or frustrated, I must in the most earnest Manner press you to enable me to draught out of the Militia such a Number of Men as will complete the Eight Hundred voted for this Expedition. I am antonished at the Backwardness I found in Suffolk County, and that Men should refuse to engage in an Enterprize so evidently calculated for the Safety and future Security of the Colonies: I hope by your Zeal on this Occasion, you will wipe off an Aspersion that may otherwise be cast on you. It is high Time we should exert ourselves to stop up a Passage by which the French, no less barbarous than the Indians, send their Savages to murder, scalp, and lead into Captivity the British Subjects; an Instance of which I had this Morning an Account of from Major Vanderheyden, who informs me, that at Hoseck the French Indians had murdered and scalped one Boy, and carried away two others, all the children of one George Brimmer, who was then at Plough in his Field, with three of his Sons. These Things are not to be endured; exert yourselves then with Vigour, to put an End to such Barbarities.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
10th June 1755.

Then the said Message was read with the papers refered to therein.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 11th *day of June*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Engrossed Bill Entitled, "An Act for the more easy collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for partition of Lands in order thereto" be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Council have passed the said Bill and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr Smith dissented to the said Bill which is entered, with leave to enter his Reasons which are as follow

First For this General Reason that the *Legislature here* by his Majesty's Commission and Instructions, is restrained from passing any Law repugnant to the Law of that part of Great Britain called England, and the present Bill appears to him (waving all exceptions to particular clauses) to be Repugnant to Law in these Instances following —

1st In that by the Great Charter Ch 29th no man shall be Disseized or dispossessed of his Freehold, unless it be by verdict of his equals or by due course and process of Law. But by the present Bill, passed into An Act, the Subject may Disseized of his Freehold in consequence of a bare Certificate of the Officer that a debt is due for Quit Rent, without Verdict of a Jury or legal process, and Judgment according to the Course of the Law.

2dly In that by the Bill in its present form, if passed into An Act, it would deprive the Subject of all Pleas and Defences secured by other Statutes, particularly made with relation to the debts of the Crown, as 5 Richd 2d Ch 9 33 H 8th Ch 39 &ca.

3dly In that it deprives the Subject of all his Defences at Common Law, such as are allowed in any action or on Distress for Kings Rent.

2dly Because it seems contrary to Natural Justice and Equity, in that it will subject the Lands of a Freeholder to sale, tho' the King be indebted to him in a greater sum than is due for Quit Rent, and leaves him no remedy either in Law or equity in such a Case.

Wm Smith.

New York 11 June 1755.

The Council adjourned till Saturday next 11 o clk.

Saturday, the 14th *day of June,* 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* James Alexander, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers moved that a Bill which he had in his hand intitled, "An Act to prevent to exportation of Provisions, Naval and Warlike stores from the Colony of New York to Cape Breton, or to any other the Dominions of the French King or places at present in possession of any of his Subjects" might be read.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday afternoon 3 o clock.

Tuesday, the 17th *day of June,* 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* James Alexander, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor by Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary in the words following vizt

Gentlemen,

I Have ordered to be laid before you an Extract from Governor Shirley's Letter of the ninth Instant, with a Copy of the List of Articles provided and providing by the Committee of War of the Massachusetts-Bay for the Expedition, and a Copy of the Resolutions of the General Court. In these you have all the Light I can at present give you. My opinion is, that you should provide the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, being one fifth Part of the computed Expence of the Train, as the Quota of this Province, to be laid out in such Articles as the Governments do not furnish, and that this Province do take the like Proportion out of the

Provisions sent by Pennsylvania. I have ordered proper Carriages to be made for the Cannon, and shall give Directions for a quantity of Shot suitable to them, and for such other Particulars as shall be thought necessary, which the other Governments may have omitted.

I think it requisite a Sum should be allowed and advanced by each Province concerned in this Expedition to defray the Expence Major General Johnson must unavoidably be put to on this Occasion.

It seems very expedient that a Sum of Money, as the Quota of this Colony, for engaging the Indians in the intended Expedition, should be lodged in the Hands of a proper Agent, at Albany, ready to be paid on Major General Johnson's Draughts, that the Service may be carried on with Vigour; and it is highly reasonable the other Colonies should have an Agent at the same Place for the like Purpose, and for receiving and forwarding Intelligence to their respective Governments.

A Quarter Master is wanting for the Provincial Regiment: As he is a necessary Officer you will provide for his Pay, and I will commissonate a proper Person.

I have had such Experience of your Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and of your Readiness to come into all Measures calculated for the Welfare and Security of the Province, and for carrying on the general Plan of Operations for the Safety of all his Majesty's Dominions in America, as leaves me no Room to doubt of your chearfully complying with what I have now recommended to you.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
16th June 1755.

Then the said Message was read with the papers referred to therein.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, Naval and Warlike stores from the Colony of New York to Cape Breton, or to any other the Dominions of the French King or places at present in possession of any of his Subjects" be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Captain Douw with the Bill Entitled, "An Act to prohibit the sale of Rum or any other strong Liquors to any Indian or Indians within the City of County of Albany, excepting at the trading House at Oswego, and to prevent the buying, exchanging or taking in pawn of or from any of the said Indians, any arms, ammunition or clothing" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 4 o clock P. M.

Wednesday, the 18th *day of June*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to prohibit the sale of Rum or any other strong Liquors to any Indian or Indians within the City or County of Albany excepting at the trading House at Oswego, and to prevent the buying, exchanging or taking in pawn of or from any of the said Indians any arms ammunition or clothing" be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill and the Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers chairman of the said committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved into a Committee on the Bill Entitled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, Naval and Warlike Stores from the Colony of New York to Cape Breton, or to any other the Dominions of the French King or places at present in possession of any of his subjects, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House, Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill. and made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read and agreed to, and the Bill

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 4 o clock P. M.

Thursday, the 19th *day of June*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the engrossed Bill Entitled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, Naval and Warlike stores from the Colony of New York to Cape Breton, or to any other the Dominions of the French King, or places at present in possession of any of his subjects, be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to prohibit the sale of Rum or any other strong Liquors to any Indian or Indians within the City or County of Albany, excepting at the Trading House at Oswego, and to prevent the Buying Exchanging or taking in pawn of or from any of the said Indians, any Arms, Ammunition or Clothing" be Read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.

The Council adjourned till Fryday the 27 Instant at 11 o clock A M.

Fryday, the 27th *day of June*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Winne and Mr Cornel with the Bill Entitled, An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Albany and some of the Justices of the peace of the County of Albany to repair the Fortifications of the said City" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Richard and Mr Verplank with the Bill Entitled, "An Act to enable the Creditors of Insolvent Debtors who are willing to give up their effects to dispose of the same for the benefit of the Creditors and to release the said debtors from Imprisonment" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till 5 o clock P. M.

Friday, the 27th day of June, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Albany, and some of the Justices of the peace of the County of Albany to repair the Fortifications of the said City" be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to enable the creditors of Insolvent debtors, who are willing to give up their effects to dispose of the same for the benefit of the Creditors, and to release the said Debtors from Imprisonment" be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

The Council adjourned till Monday 5 o clock P. M.

Monday, the 30th day of June, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to morrow 4 o clock P. M.

Tuesday, the 1st day of July, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Richard and Mr Verplanck acquainting the Council that that House have passed the Bill Entitled, "An Act for the more easy

collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for Partition of Lands in order thereto" without Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col° Gale and Mr Walton with the Bill Entitled, "An Act to impower Trustees to dispose of some undivided Lands within the patents of Minisink and Wawayanda for raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds from each of the said Patents to defend the Title and Possessions of the proprietors of the said Patents against the Encroachments of the People of East New Jersey, and for defraying the expence already occasioned thereby" desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

The Question being put

Whether the Bill should be read the second time?

Mr Alexander moved that he might have a copy of the Bill in order to enable him to object against the second reading of the said Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill Entitled, "An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Albany and some of the Justices of the peace of the County of Albany to repair the Fortifications of the said City."

The Committee having gone through the said Bill

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 5 o clock, P. M.

Wednesday, the 2d day of July, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 3d day of July, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the 4th day of July, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till 5 o clock, P. M.

Friday, the 4th day of July, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment and
Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 5th day of July, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Alexander having had a copy of the Bill Entitled, "An Act to impower Trustees to dispose of some undivided Lands within the Patents of Minisink and Wawayanda, for raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds from each of the said Patents to defend the title and possessions of the proprietors of the said Patents against the encroachments of the people of East New Jersey, and for defraying the expences already occasioned thereby" presented his reasons against the second reading of the Bill, which being read, were

Ordered to be entered and are as follow vizt

That there are many facts set forth in the Bill, which he has reason to believe are not true, and humbly conceives that those who sollicited the passing the said Bill, ought to lay before this House the proofs of these facts, to be considered of before any order for a second reading; and unless they do so, by a time to be set for that purpose by this House, that then the Bill be rejected — and particularly the facts following vizt

1st It is alledged by the Bill that many of his Majesty's Subjects within this Colony, have from time to time been compelled to pay taxes and perform other publick duties in and to the province of New Jersey,

Which fact he believes not true and that no good proof can be shewn of it.

2d The Bill alledges that the Inhabitants of New Jersey, have forcibly ousted divers other of his Majesty's Subjects holding Lands under this Colony.

This fact he also believes not true, and that no good proof can be shewn of it.

3d Its said by the Bill that the owners and proprietors of the patents of Minisink and Wawayanda, are willing each and every of them to bear their equal proportions of the expences, charges, Disbursements and damages therein mentioned.

This is a fact of great Moment, which he is sure is false, for that he is owner of $\frac{3}{46}$ of the Minisinks Patent by good conveyances in the Law, which he is ready to produce, and is not willing to bear any proportion of those charges &c because he believes they are for unlawfull and unreasonable Acts, done and to be done, and particularly for defraying the charges accrued by four forcible Invasions by multitudes of people on the province of New Jersey, set forth in the papers annexed to the printed Memorial of the proprietors of East Jersey (whereof Copies have been given to every member of this House) for which great Numbers of them stand there indicted, and to enable the committing more like Invasions and oppressing the people of New Jersey in such manner as some of the people of Minisink and Wawayanda have often heretofore done, as appears by the said Memorial and papers annexed and for making encroachments on New Jersey without any Colour of reason.

That his share of this £1000 proposed to be raised on Minisinks for his $\frac{3}{46}$, is above £65, and as it is to be raised by sale at Vendue or otherwise out of the Lands he holds in common there, at the discretion of the Trustees, he does not believe that Lands there so sold, will yield one third of their real value, and consequently by this Bill above £195 value of his Estate, is to be taken from him against his consent as an owner of Minisink Patent—and another considerable part of his Estate is to be taken from him as owner of Augustus Oldfields share in Wawayanda patent, towards raising the sum of One thousand pounds also out of that patent.

4th Its alledged by the Bill that the Majority of the owners of those said Patents, did chuse the Trustees named in the Bill for making those sales &c.

This fact he neither knows nor believes to be true, and conceives that clear proof of it ought to appear to this House—and if it did appear, he humbly conceives that the estates of that Majority so appearing to have chosen, ought only to be affected by their Acts, and not the estates of those who have not chosen them, and who entirely oppose the purpose of chusing them. And if any Act to this purpose do pass, it ought to appear expressly in the body of it, whose Estate is to be affected, and that his consent for affecting it is sufficient.

These proofs he humbly conceives ought to appear to this House, before the second reading of the Bill, that if the proofs be insufficient, the defects may be pointed out and entered on the Minutes, in order that if this House should think them sufficient, those who think themselves injured by that opinion, may have redress by application to his Majesty, for preventing his Royal assent to An Act in their opinion unjust and unreasonable.

5th For that by the Memorial and papers annexed he conceives it Evident, that New Jersey had right to do what they have done, but whether they had or not he conceives is not the Question here; he thinks it enough that Minisink and Wawayanda by this Bill, do own those things that are therein pretended to have been done by New Jersey, were done claiming right to do it—And that New Jersey had not right to do these things, is impossible to appear till the controversie concerning the line is settled—By the Memorial and papers annexed it appears that for fourteen years past the New Jersey people have been using their utmost endeavours for having the line settled, and that those endeavours have been continually opposed on the part of New York, at the mutual expence of many thousands of pounds—*if the places where* those things pretended to have been done by New Jersey people be found in New Jersey upon the final settlement of the Line, then all thats pretended to have been done by New Jersey *was just and legal* and the several late Invasions of New Jersey by the people of Minisink and Wawayanda, appearing by the said Memorial and papers annexed *were unjust and illegal*, and the invaders have been and ought to be justly punished for those invasions, and they and the advisers of those Invasions, ought to bear the Charge of them, and not those who thought, and think them, illegal and unjustifiable. If upon the final settlement of the Line *the places where* appear to be in Minisinks and Wawayanda and consequently what they did *just and lawfull* then it may be a proper time for applying for relief for those who in that case would have been *unjustly punished* by New Jersey, but til then it cannot be known but that *past crimes are to be rewarded* by this Bill and *the committing new crimes encouraged*. Were a reasonable sum to have been raised, for the settlement of the Line and determining the controversie by his Majesty's Commission, he should be far from opposing it, provided all the money raised were applied for that purpose, and the superplus returned, but no part of this £2000 appears to be applied for that purpose, but rather to delay the settlement of the Controversie, and to enable them to execute the scheme pointed out by page 50 of the papers annexed to the said Memorial; how just it would be in a Legislative Body to countenance such a Scheme needs no remarks.

As this House knows, that ever since he had the Copy of the Bill, he has been engaged, so that he could spare but few minutes, for forming the preceeding objections, which he hopes, may excuse any impropriety therein, or what upon mature deliberation, (had he had time, he would have corrected, and particularly he would (if time had permitted) have placed the fifth and last objection in the first place, because if all the four other matters were proved (which he believes no one of them can, and is sure, for the reasons before, that the third cant) yet this 5th reason he thinks is sufficient against passing this or any such other Bill, until the bounds be settled and the controversie ended, in a legal way by his Majesty's Commission, which (the Lords of Trade have above twenty three months ago given it as their opinion) *is the only way* as *agreement of all parties* there is not the least room to expect — And East Jersey by No 15 annexed to the Memorial page 45, has offered above fifteen Months ago, in the most publick manner, to give unquestionable security, to pay their half of the Charge of obtaining and executing his Majesty's Commission for settling the bounds pursuant to the opinion of the Lords of Trade, if the like were given on the part of New York, which to this day they have never offered to give.

JA ALEXANDER.

July 5th 1755.

Ordered, that all persons concerned in the passing the said Bill, be at liberty to take copies of the said Reasons and of the Bill.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Richard and Mr Verplank with the Bill Entitled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions Naval and Warlike stores from the Colony of New York to Cape Breton, or to any other the Dominions of the French King or places at present in possession of any of his subjects" acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Watts with the Bill Entitled, "An Act for providing for several services necessary towards carrying on the enterprize of erecting one or more Forts at or nigh Crown point, and other purposes therein mentioned," desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

And then the said Bill was read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled, "An Act to enable the Creditors of Insolvent Debtors, who are willing to give up their effects, to dispose of the same for the benefit of the creditors, and to Release the said Debtors from Imprisonment:

The Committee having gone through the said Bill

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock P M.

Saturday, the 5t *day of July*, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* James Alexander, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland,
John Chambers,
William Smith.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled, "An Act for providing for several services necessary towards carrying on the enterprize of erecting one or more Forts at or nigh Crown point and other purposes therein mentioned:"

The Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Holland Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House and they attending accordingly with their Speaker

His Honour in presence of the Council and General Assembly gave his Assent to the six following Bills vizt

An Act for the more easy Collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for Partition of Lands in order thereto.

An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Albany and some of the Justices of the peace of the County of Albany to repair the Fortifications of the said City.

An Act to prevent the exportation of provisions Naval and Warlike Stores from the Colony of New York to Cape Breton or to any other the Dominions of the French King or places at present in possession of any of his subjects.

An Act to prohibit the sale of rum or any other strong Liquors to any Indian or Indians within the City or County of Albany, excepting at the trading House at Oswego; and to prevent the buying, exchanging or taking in pawn, of or from any of the said Indians, any arms, ammunition or clothing.

An Act for providing for several services necessary towards carrying on the enterprize of erecting one or more Forts at or nigh Crown point, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the Creditors of Insolvent Debtors who are willing to give up their effects, to dispose of the same for the benefit of the Creditors and to release the said Debtors from imprisonment

After which the same were published and his Honour was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House to Tuesday the 22d Instant.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday the 22d Instant,

Tuesday, the 22d day of July, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House to Tuesday the fifth day of August next:
The Council adjourned to the same day.

Tuesday, the 5th day of August, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 6th day of August, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the words following

Gentlemen,

I have again called you together sooner than I expected. The defeat of the Troops under General Braddock, and the Retreat of the whole under Col. Dunbar, make it necessary for all the Colonies to take vigorous Measure upon this Incident. The French will exult on their Victory, their Indians will be more insolent than ever, and ours will be more disheart'ned. The French will endeavour on this Occasion to improve their Interest, and to make deep Impressions on the Minds of our Indians to our Disadvantage, who from this Instance may be persuaded to think them so far superior to us, as, out of Fear, either not to assist, or perhaps abandon us. This View of our Affairs, calls for all our Attention to remove the Impression the Disaster may cause, and to prevent the bad Consequences that may flow from [it.] And I am of Opinion, the only effectual Method to abade the Pride of the French, curb the Insolence of their Indians, and confirm and animate ours, is immediately to raise more Troops, to support and reinforce those already on Foot. We have the Means, under God, in our Power, let us then with Unanimity, Spirit and Resolution, exert those Means he has put into our Hands, in the Defence of our Religion from Popery, our Persons from Slavery, and our Property from arbitrary Power,. The Safety and Being of the British Colonies are near a Crisis. It behoves us, therefore to take right Measures, and to pursue them with Steadiness and Fortitude, to avert the Evils, the detestable Evils, which Bondage on our Minds, Persons

and Estates, carry with it. The Spirits of our Troops may be somewhat damped, by the Accounts of the unexpected Defeat near the Monongahela, and nothing will probably tend more to re-animate them, than our proceeding immediately to raise an additional Number of Men to join them; nor can any Thing be more effectual to confirm our Indians, in their Dependance on us, than to shew them we have Strength sufficient to protect them, to defend ourselves, and to chastise our Enemies. Let it be exerted with the utmost Vigour. As the Provincial Troops are already on their March, any Assistance we give them must be sent without the least Delay; and therefore, if a sufficient Number of Volunteers do not offer, it is necessary Draughts should be made, that the Succours be dispatched with all Speed.

Gentlemen.

We are now in such a Conjuncture as makes it necessary to have the Treasury well supplied, to answer any Emergency and sudden Call. I must therefore recommend to you to provide Funds for that Purpose. I have thought of the three following. A Poll Tax of Ten Shillings or more, on every Slave from fifteen to fifty Years of Age; an Excise upon Tea; and a Stamp Duty. The first cannot be thought heavy, as none but Persons of some Substance possess Slaves, and the Tax will fall equally according to Mens Abilities; the second is a Tax upon a Superfluity of pernicious Consequence to the Healths and Purses of the People, and therefore a proper Object of a Tax; and the third will be so diffused as to be in a Manner insensible. I would have you take these Things under your Consideration, and if they appear insufficient for the Services we are engaged in, I must earnestly recommend it to you, to make an Addition to the Tax on Estates real and personal. We are all so deeply concerned in the Operations of this Year, that I persuade myself you will do all that is in your Power to give a happy issue to them.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
the 5th August, 1755.

The Council adjourned till Monday next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Monday, the 11th *day of August*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Capt Walton with the Bill Entitled, "An Act for levying four hundred effective men, officers included, to reinforce the Army destined to Crown point, for raising the sum of Ten thousand pounds on Estates Real and personal, for paying and subsisting the said Forces and all other Incidents requisite in the said service, and for making current Bills of Credit to the amount thereof for making immediate payment" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till the afternoon 3 o clock.

Monday, the 11th *day of August*, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act for levying four hundred effective men, officers included, to reinforce the Army destined to Crown Point, for raising the sum of ten thousand

pounds on Estates Real and Personal for paying and subsisting the said Forces, and all other incidents requisite to the said service, and for making current Bills of Credit to the amount thereof for making immediate Payment, be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any five of them.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entitled, "An Act to revive An Act Entitled An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for a further provision towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony with some alterations thereto." Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday the 12th *day of August*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entitled, "An Act further to continue the currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act Entitled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the debts and the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Bill Entitled, "An Act to revive An Act Entitled, An Act for raising the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery for a further provision towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony with some alterations thereto, was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair

Mr Holland Reported that the committee had gone thro' the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to morrow afternoon 5 o clock.

Wednesday, the 13th *day of August*, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cornell and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entitled, "An Act for selling the provisions belonging to this Colony in the hands of Hans Hansen and John Cuyler Esqrs at Albany" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till 3 o clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday the 13th *day of August*, 1755. P. Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act for selling the Provisions belonging to this Colony in the hands of Hans Hansen and John Cuyler Esqrs at Albany" be now read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and having gone through the same
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put.
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.
The Council adjourned till to morrow 3 o clock P. M.

Thursday, the 14th *day of August*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requesting the immediate attendance of that House. And the House attending accordingly
His Honour in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly, was pleased to give his Assent to the two following Bills vizt

An Act to revive An Act Entitled, An Act for raising the sum of One thousand One hundred and twenty five pounds by a publick Lottery, for a further provision towards founding a College for the advancement of Learning within this Colony, with some alterations thereto."

An Act for selling the provisions belonging to this Colony in the hands of Hans Hansen and John Cuyler Esq^{rs} at Albany.

Then the said Acts were published as usual and his Honour afterwards directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House till Tuesday the 26th day of August Instant.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till the 26th day of August inst^{t} accordingly. And then met and Adjourned till Thursday the 28th instant at 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 28th *day of August*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till the first day of September next at 11 o clock.

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BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in (L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to this day and a sufficient number of Members not appearing to proceed upon Business I have thought fit with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to adjourn and I do by these Presents further adjourn the said General Assembly until *Monday* the *first* day of *September* next, then to meet and proceed upon Business. Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty eighth* day of *August* 1755 in the twenty ninth year of his Majesty's Reign.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command,
GW BANYAR, *D Sécry*.

God save the KING.

Monday, the first day of September, 1755.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having been pleased by Proclamation, on the 28th day of August last to adjourn the General Assembly to this day
The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor which being read is in the words following vizt

Gentlemen,

I have thought it necessary again to call you together, that you might be apprized of the Steps taking by some of the Governments engaged in the Expedition set on Foot to remove the French from their Encroachments on his Majesty's Territories to the Northward of Albany. I send you Copies of Letters I received from General Johnson, with Minutes of the Councils of War, held at the Great Carrying Place, and also the Intelligence I have had from the Governments of the Massachusets Bay and Connecticut, by which you will perceive, that the Government of the Massachusets Bay, are raising Eight Hundred Men to re-inforce the Provincial Troops under Major General Johnson, and that the Colony of Connecticut, are raising Fifteen Hundred Men, over and above the Five Hundred Governor Fitch was before impowered to raise by a Vote of that Government. The Zeal of the Colony of Connecticut on this Occasion, cannot be sufficiently applauded; they are exerting themselves in a most laudable Manner, for the general Benefit of all the British Colonies, even to the utmost of their Abilities, as to the Expence which must necessarily grow from raising and supporting the Thousand Men, they now have with Major General Lyman, and those Two Thousand additional Men for a Reinforcement to the Provincials. Upon these Considerations, I do most earnestly recommend it to you, to take Measures suitable to this Occasion. It would be a most sensible Mortification to me, to find this Province backward in bearing their Share in a Matter so nearly touching their Honour, their Interest, and Perhaps their Being. This Province has already done much for their Security, and contributed their full Quota to the first Plan of the Expedition. Go on then to accomplish a Work already begun; exert yourselves so, as that we may appear with Credit, and that we may by the Blessing of God, have reason to expect a happy Issue to our Undertakings, in so just and righteous a Cause.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
1st September 1755.

The Council Adjourned till Wednesday Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 4th day of September, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
His Excellency Sir Charles Hardy Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province who arrived on the second instant, having published his Majesty's Commission or Letters Patent to him yesterday, sent a Message this day by the Deputy Secretary to the Council which being read is in the words following:

Gentlemen,

Mr De Lancey, the late Commander in Chief, hath communicated to me the Message and Intelligence, he lately sent you: and it gives me the greatest Satisfaction to find you already so

far engaged in a Matter in which his Majesty's Service, and the Welfare of these Colonies is so much interested. The Chearfulness and Alacrity with which you have granted the necessary Supplies, for this important Service, are the most convincing Proofs of the good dispositions of the People of this Province, and give me the greatest Hopes that you will upon the present Occasion, (in Concurrence with the neighbouring Colonies engaged with you) add that further Aid and Assistance which appears so necessary: As to the Manner of doing it, you will consider in what Way the State and Circumstances of this Province are best able to effect it.

The Lieutenant Governor from his Attachment to his Majesty's Service, and the great Knowledge of the Country, has laid this Matter before you in a Way, that leaves me nothing to require, but that you would proceed with the utmost Dispatch on the Matters recommended in his Message.

CHA^S HARDY.

Fort George in the City of New York
the 4th September 1755.

The Council adjourned till Friday afternoon 4 o clock .

Friday, the sixth day of September, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by this House to his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy Knight Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, heartily to congratulate him on his safe arrival; to express their sence of his Majesty's paternal goodness in appointing, as the representative of his Royal person, a Gentleman whose universal good character they look on as a sure presage of the faithful discharge of that important trust, and to assure his Excellency of their best assistance in every thing conducive to the service of our Gracious Soveraign, the true interest of his Subjects committed to his care, and the Honour of his own Administration.

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy, Mr Rutherfurd, and Mr Chambers be a Committee to prepare the draft of the said Address, and present the same for the approbation of this House to morrow afternoon.

The Council adjourned till to morrow afternoon 3 o clock.

Saturday, the seventh day of September, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers from the Committee appointed to prepare the draft of an Address to his Excellency the Governor read, and then delivered the same in at the Table, when the same was again read, and being agreed to,

Ordered, that the said Address be engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governor was read and the Speaker ordered to sign the same

Which being signed accordingly

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy and Mr Rutherfurd do wait on his Excellency the Governor, and desire to know when he will be pleased to receive the Councils Address.

A Bill Entitled, An Act to explain An Act Entitled, An Act to prevent infectious Distempers being brought into this Colony, and to hinder the spreading thereof" was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the 8th day of September, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Kennedy Reported that himself and Mr Rutherfurd had waited on his Excellency the Governor and desired to know when he would be pleased to receive the Councils Address, and that his Excellency had been pleased to appoint this day at 12 o clock.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with

The Council went to the Fort to present their Address to his Excellency and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the Council attended his Excellency, and presented the said Address to him, his Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, where the same was read.

Ordered, that the Address and his Excellencys Answer thereto be entered in the minutes which are as follow vizt

To his Excellency SIR CHARLES HARDY, Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, and Vice Admiral of the same.

The humble ADDRESS of the Council for the Province of New York.

May it please your Excellency,

We the Council for the Province of New York, heartily congratulate your Excellency on your safe arrival, fully sensible of his Majesty's Paternal Goodness, in appointing, as the Representative of his Royal person, a Gentleman whose universal good character we look on as a sure presage of a faithful discharge of that important trust.

From our duty and Loyalty to the best of Kings, our regard for the prosperity of the people, and our sincere inclination to render your Excellency easy and happy in your Government, you may rely on our best assistance, in every thing conducive to the service of our Gracious Soveraign, the true interest of his Subjects under your care and the honour of your own administration.

By order of the Council
JA. ALEXANDER, Speaker.

City of New York the
6th of September 1755.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council,

I return you my hearty thanks for your kind congratulation on my appointment to this Government, more especially as it is expressed in Terms of such Loyalty to his Majesty's person and Government.

I shall esteem myself happy in being able to promote the prosperity of the Country and happiness of the people; and shall readily concur with you in every measure conducive to that good end.

CHA^S HARDY.

Fort George, New York
September 8th 1755.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled, An Act to explain An Act Entitled, An Act to prevent infectious distempers being brought into this Colony and to hinder the spreading thereof: After some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and added a clause thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Clause in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being agreed to,

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock P. M.

Monday, the 8th day of September, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Bill Entitled An Act to Explain An Act Entitled, An Act to prevent infectious distempers being brought into this Colony and to hinder the spreading thereof, was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Walton and Mr Verplank with the Bill Entitled, "An Act for raising the sum of eight thousand pounds to be contributed to the Colony of Connecticut towards the expence of a Reinforcement of two thousand effective Men now levying in the said Colony for the Army destined against Crown point, under Major General Johnson and for emitting Bills of Credit to the amount of the said sum of eight thousand pounds for making immediate payment: Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richards and Mr Watts with the Bill Entitled, "An Act to revive An Act Entitled, An Act to oblige persons that shall come to inhabit or reside in the City of New York, in order to expose any Goods Wares or Merchandizes to sale, at any time after the annual Assessment made for the Tax for the maintainance of the Minister and poor of the said City, to pay their due proportion toward the same" Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Mr Kennedy moved that a Bill which he had in his hand Entitled, "An Act more effectually to restrain the exportation of Provisions and Warlike stores from the Colony of New York" might be read.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, the 9th day of September, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled, An Act more effectually to restrain the Exportation of Provisions and Warlike Stores from the Colony of New York, was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Holland Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same were again read and being agreed to

Ordered, that the Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, An Act for raising the sum of Eight thousand pounds to be contributed to the Colony of Connecticut towards the expence of a Reinforcement of two thousand effective men now levying in the said Colony for the Army destined against Crown point under Major General Johnson, and for emitting Bills of Credit to the amount of the said sum of eight thousand pounds for making immediate payment, be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Bill and having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Holland Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled "An Act to revive An Act Entitled, An Act to oblige all persons that shall come to inhabit or reside in the City of New York, in order to expose any Goods Wares or Merchandizes to sale at any time after the Annual Assessment made for the Tax for the maintainance of the Minister and Poor of the said City, to pay their due proportion towards the same" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Holland Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of & the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 10th *day of September*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Richard and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entitled, An Act to explain An Act Entitled, An Act to prevent Infectious Distempers being brought into this Colony, and to hinder the spreading thereof, acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

A Bill Entitled, An Act to explain part of a clause of An Act Entitled, An Act for paying and subsisting eight complete Companies of one hundred effective men each, officers included, to assist in conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies in erecting one or more Forts nigh Crown point within his Majesty's Dominions, for raising the sum of Ten thousand pounds for and towards the said service, and for making current Bills of Credit to the amount thereof, and other the purposes therein mentioned, was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered, to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Engrossed Bill Entitled, An Act more effectually to restrain the exportation of Provisions and Warlike stores from the Colony of New York; was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act for raising the sum of eight thousand pounds to be contributed to the Colony of Connecticut towards the expence of a Reinforcement of two thousand effective men now levying in the said Colony, for the Army destined against Crown point, under Major General Johnson, and for emitting Bills of Credit to the amount of the said sum of eight thousand pounds, for making immediate payment" be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled, "An Act to revive An Act Entitled, An Act to oblige all persons that shall come to inhabit or reside in the City of New York in order to expose any Goods Wares or Merchandizes to sale at any time after the annual assessment made for the Tax for the maintainance of the Minister and poor of the said City, to pay their due proportion towards the same" be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled, An Act to explain part of a Clause of An Act entitled, An Act for paying and subsisting eight complete companies of one hundred effective men each, officers included, to assist in conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies in erecting one or more Forts nigh Crown point within his Majesty's Dominions; for raising the sum of ten thousand pounds for and towards the said service, and for making current Bills of Credit to the amount thereof, and other the purposes therein mentioned" be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Rutherfurd do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly, and desire their concurrence thereto.

The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 11th *day of September*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Lot and Mr Le Conte with the Bill Entitled, An Act to explain part of a clause of An Act entitled, An Act for paying and subsisting eight complete Companies of one hundred effective men each, officers included, to assist in conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies in erecting one or more Forts nigh Crown point within his Majesty's Dominions; for raising the sum of ten thousand pounds for and towards the said service, and for making current Bills of Credit to the amount thereof, and other the purposes therein mentioned acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Mr Thomas with the Bill entitled, An Act more effectually to restrain the Exportation of Provisions and Warlike Stores from the Colony of New York; acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have passed the Bill without any amendment.

His Excellency the Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly: and the House attending accordingly

His Excellency in the presence of the Council and General Assembly gave his assent to five Bills prepared for it, the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act for raising the sum of eight thousand pounds to be contributed to the Colony of Connecticut towards the expence of a Reinforcement of two thousand effective men now levying in the said Colony, for the Army destined against Crown point, under Major General Johnson; and for emitting Bills of Credit to the amount of the said sum of eight thousand pounds, for making immediate payment.

An Act to revive An Act entitled, An Act to oblige all persons that shall come to inhabit or reside in the City of New York, in order to expose any Goods Wares or Merchandizes to sale at any time after the Annual Assessment made for the Tax for the maintainance of the Minister and poor of the said City to pay their due proportion towards the same.

An Act to explain An Act entitled, An Act to prevent infectious Distempers being brought into this Colony and to hinder the spreading thereof.

An Act to explain part of a clause of An Act entitled, An Act for paying and subsisting eight complete companies of one hundred effective men each, officers included, to assist in conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies in erecting one or more Forts nigh Crown point within his Majesty's Dominions, for raising the sum of Ten thousand pounds for and towards the said service, and for making current Bills of Credit to the amount thereof and other the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act more effectually to restrain the Exportation of Provisions and Warlike stores from the Colony of New York.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner: And his Excellency the Governor was pleased to say, He thought it for his Majesty's service that the General Assembly be prorogued to Tuesday the thirtieth day of September instant and that he did accordingly prorogue the General Assembly of this province to that day.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXXI., 157.]

By his Excellency

SIR CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to this day. I have thought fit with the advice of his Majesty's Council further to prorogue and I do by virtue of the Power and Authority to me given by his Majesty further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fourteenth* day of *October* next then to meet to proceed upon Business of which all his Majestys subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the City of *Albany* the *thirtieth* day of *September* 1755 in the *twenty ninth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.

CHA^S HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
G^W Banyar *D. Sêcry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXI., 170.]

By his Excellency

SIR CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *fourteenth* day of *October* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to prorogue and I do with the advice of his Majesty's Council hereby further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fourth* day of *November* next then to meet to Proceed upon Business. Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at the City of *Albany* the *sixth* day of *October* 1755 in the *twenty ninth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.

CHA^S HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXI., 173.]

By his Excellency

SIR CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *fourth* day of *November* next. I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to prorogue, and I do with the advice of his Majesty's Council hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *eighteenth* day of *November* next ensuing then to meet to proceed upon Business: of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at the City of *Albany* the *twenty seventh* day of *October* 1755 in the *twenty ninth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a^.

CHA^S^ HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXII., 9.]

By his Excellency

SIR CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *eighteenth* day of *November* Instant. I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to prorogue and I do with the Advice of his Majesty's Council hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *second* day of *December* next then to meet to proceed upon Business Of which all his Majestys Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the City of *Albany* the *tenth* day of *November* 1755 in the *twenty ninth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a^.

CHA^S^ HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ASSEMBLY SEVENTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the Second day of* December 1755 *in the twenty ninth year of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Second *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *&c.*

His Excellency Sir Charles Hardy Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province having by sundry proclamations prorogued the General Assembly from the 30th day of September last to this day

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the third day of December, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Speaker, Esqr,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
His Excellency the Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House.
And the General Assembly attending accordingly with their Speaker
His Excellency made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly, and then returned to the Fort attended as usual.
The Speaker resumed the Chair
Ordered, that his Excellencys Speech be read.
Then the same was read and
Ordered to be entered and is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

His Majesty having been pleased by his royal Commission, to constitute me his Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, my departure from England was no longer delayed than in making the necessary Preparations for it. Upon my Arrival I found this and several other of his Majesty's Colonies chearfully engaged in an Expedition for removing the French Encroachments at Crown-Point, and soon after received an Account of the Action, on the 8th of September last, between the Provincial Forces under the Command of Major General Johnson, and the Forces under the French General the Baron de Dieskau, in which the latter were repulsed, and himself taken.

On the fourteenth I embarked for Albany, to reside there during the further Prosecution of this Design, that I might be nearer at Hand to render every Assistance in my Power to promote the Success of it, which I am sorry is not equal to the Expectations we flattered our selves with.

Two Forts have been erected by the Army, one at the Great-Carrying-Place on Hudson's River, and the other at the South End of Lake George. These Forts will not only facilitate any further Attempt against the Enemy on that Quarter, but if properly maintained and garrisoned, tend greatly to the Security of the Country. Before I left Albany Measures were concerted, for placing Garisons in them, and Commissioners in the Behalf of this Province, the Province of Massachusets-Bay, and the Colony of Connecticut, are gone to the Camp to settle every Thing relative to the Garisons, and when fixed, to discharge the Rest of the Forces, conformable to an Agreement which with other Papers necessary for your Information, I shall order to be laid before you.

Gentlemen,

I am commanded by his Majesty to recommend to you, in his Name, without Delay to consider of a proper Law to be passed for setling a permanent Revenue upon a solid Foundation, for defraying the necessary and established Charges of Government; taking Care that such Law be indefinite without Limitation of Time, and that Provision be made therein for a competent Salary to the Captains General and Governors in Chief. of this his Majesty's Province, and likewise for competent Salaries to all Judges, Justices, and other necessary and usual Officers and Ministers of Government, and also for a certain permanent Fund for repairing and maintaining the Fortifications, for making annual Presents to the Indians, and for the other contingent Expences attending that Service; and in general for all such other Charges of Government as may be fixed or ascertained.

As the Act to regulate the Militia of this Colony will expire by its own Limitation on the 19th Day of Feb. next, I must recommend to you, the continuing of that useful Law, with such Alterations or Amendments as may appear to you to be necessary.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

From my short Residence in this Province, it cannot be expected I should point out to you any new Funds for raising the necessary Supplies. You will consider of the Revenue his Majesty demands of you for the Support of his Government, and if the Funds heretofore established for this Service appear insufficient, you will fall upon such others, as will effectually answer his Majesty's just Expectations. I shall only recommend to you to avoid as much as possible the laying any further Impositions on Trade, upon the Encouragement of which the Prosperity of every trading Country principally depends.

As the two Forts built by the Provincial Forces are to be garrisoned by a Proportion of the Troops raised by each Government, I must recommend it to you to provide your Quota of that Expence, and also for the Payment of what is still due to the Troops, and such contingent Charges as have arisen in the Course of this Service.

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

His Majesty ever zealous in promoting the Happiness of his People, is taking such Measures to vindicate the Honour of his Crown, and for the Defence of his undoubted Right and Dominion, as must excite in all his Subjects the highest Sentiments of Duty and Gratitude; and as from the present critical Conjuncture of Affairs, a Rupture with France may be soon expected, and the French, even at this Time, are using strong Efforts to distress these Colonies, it behoves every one to exert himself to the utmost of his Ability. I shall not therefore doubt of your enabling me to enter into, and pursue such Measures, as shall appear necessary for our own, and the Defence of all his Majesty's Colonies, the Prosperity of which I hope in the Course of my Administration to convince you, I have most warmly at Heart.

CHA^s HARDY.

Fort George New York
3^d December 1755.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Horsmanden moved that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency by this House, returning him thanks for his Speech; To express their just sense of his Majesty's attention to the happiness of all his Subjects, and his particular care of his Subjects in America, from whence they have reason to hope for such further assistance as may disappoint all the efforts of the French and remove them from their Encroachments.

That they are sensible the Forts erected towards Crown point will be of great utility.

To express their warmest sentiments of Gratitude for his early Resolution of embarking for Albany upon Intelligence of an Action at Lake George, before Information of the event, and his determination of residing there to be near at hand to render every service in his power to promote the expedition, and protect the Frontiers, and for his services done there. And to

assure his Excellency that this House will exert themselves in the service of their King and Country and endeavour to their utmost to render his Administration easy to himself and happy to the people.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden Mr Murray and Mr Chambers be a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 4th day of December, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Excellency, read the same, and then delivered the Draft in at the Table, where the same was again read, and

On the Question being put, agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Address be engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governor was read and approved of, and the Speaker ordered to sign the same, which he signed accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden and Mr Murray do wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to receive the Councils Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned reported that they had waited on his Excellency, and delivered the said Message, and that he was pleased to appoint to Morrow morning 11 o clock at Fort George.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Fryday, the fifth day of December, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council went to the Fort to present their Address to his Excellency and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Reported that the Council having attended his Excellency with their Address and presented the same His Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable answer thereto, which was read.

Ordered, that the Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow

To his Excellency Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and Vice Admiral of the same.

The humble ADDRESS of the Council of the province of New York.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most dutifull and loyal subjects the Council for the Province of New York, return your Excellency our hearty thanks for your Speech.

We have a just sense of his Majesty's attention to the happiness of all his Subjects, and with hearts full of Gratitude acknowledge his particular care of us his remote Subjects in America: And have reason to hope his Majesty, who has already shewn his concern for the defence of his own undoubted Rights, and his tender regard for the protection of his People in these parts, will be pleased to send us such further assistance as may disappoint all the Efforts of the French, and remove them from the Encroachments they have made upon his Territories.

The Forts that have been erected at the Carrying place on Hudson's River, and at the South end of Lake George, We are fully convinced will not only facilitate any future attempt against the common Enemy in that Quarter, and tend to the security of these Northern Counties, but may also serve as places of Retreat and Shelter to such parties as may be sent out to annoy the French, and return on them that kind of War, which they have barbarously carried on against the people of these Colonies.

Your Excellency's early determination of embarking for Albany upon Intelligence of some Action that had happened at Lake George, before you were informed of the Event: Your Resolution of residing there to be near at Hand to render every assistance in your power to promote the Expedition and protect the Frontiers; fill our Hearts with the warmest sentiments of Gratitude. And your Excellency's Vigilance and Services done there by your personal presence, demand our most sincere acknowledgments, and give us the fullest assurance, that your Excellency's administration will continue to demonstrate you have the Prosperity of this Country warmly at Heart.

We assure your Excellency we will on all occasions exert our utmost Abilities for the service of our King and Country, and to render your administration easy to your self, and happy to the people committed to your charge.

By order of the Council
JAMES ALEXANDER, Speaker.

City Hall New York
4th December 1755.

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer

Gentlemen,

I return you thanks for your kind Address. The just sense you express of his Majesty's Attention to the happiness of all his Subjects cannot but be acceptable to him.

His Majesty's early care of his subjects in America leaves no room to doubt of such further Assistance as may be necessary to remove the French from their Encroachments and secure the future Tranquility of these Colonies.

I am obliged to you for the favourable sentiments you entertain of me from my endeavours for the publick service, and you may be assured the true Interest and prosperity of this Province shall be my constant care and attention.

CHARLES HARDY.

Fort George New York
5th December, 1755.

Ordered, that the Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday the sixteenth Inst at 3 o clock P. M.

Tuesday, the 16*th day of December*, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r Le Conte and Mr Miller, with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act intitled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York with some additions thereto] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Beekman and Colonel Philipse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in the Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^o Lott and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled, [An Act further to continue the currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Walton and Mr Watts with the Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent debtors with respect to the imprisonment of their persons in the Cities of New York and Albany] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow afternoon 3 o clock.

Wednesday, the 17*th day of December*, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary in the words following:

Gentlemen,

I send you a Letter with several Affidavits and other Papers, which I received Yesterday from Coll^o Dekey by Express, from whence it appears, that the Indians infesting the Northern Parts of Pennsylvania, near the River Delaware, have lately murdered several Persons, and Burnt the Houses within a few Miles of the Settlements in this Province, and New-Jersey. Upon Advice some Days since, that they had appeared in Minisink, I ordered a Detachment of Thirty Men, from each of the Regiments in Orange County, and Sixty from Ulster, to march to the Frontier in order to protect the Settlers, and prevent them from deserting their Habitations. The Detachment of Col. Dekey's Regiment is already marched, and I expect the others will soon follow, which I hope (in Conjunction with those of New Jersey) will prove a sufficient Force to repel the Enemy; if not, the Detachments are to be augmented as shall be found necessary. This Duty will fall very unequally on the People by being confined to the Militia of those two Counties, who besides their own personal Service, must furnish themselves with Provisions and Ammunition; an Expence which some of them are unable to bear. I therefore recommend it to you, to make a suitable Allowance to all such as shall be ordered upon this Service, that the Militia may not be backward for Want of proper Encouragement; and also to enable me, to take the necessary Measures for the Defence of the Frontiers, according to the Intelligence I may receive from Time to Time.

You will perceive by several other Papers I now send you relative to the garisoning Fort-Edward and Fort-William-Henry, that the Quota of Men to be furnished by this Province is not yet complete These Forts are of such Importance, that I must recommend the preparing a Bill for draughting Men out of the Militia of the neighbouring Counties, if a sufficient Number of Volunteers do not offer for this Service.

CHA^S HARDY.

Fort-George, New-York,
Decem. 16, 1755

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Cruger with the Bill entituled, [An Act for impowering Justices of the peace to hold pleas of all causes of the value of Five Pounds and under and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the four following Bills be now read the second time (vizt)

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act intituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York with some addition thereto.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act intituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] and

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent debtors with respect to the imprisonment of their persons in the Cities of New York and Albany.]

Then the said four Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Fryday next at 3 o clock in the Afternoon.

Fryday, the 19th *day of December*, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Winne and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled, [An Act further to continue An Act entituled. An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Pue and Captain Winne with the Bill intituled, [An Act for the better cleaning mending and further laying out publick High Roads, and others, in the County of Ulster] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^o Gale and Mr Snedeker with the Bill Entituled, [An to revive An Act entituled, An Act to prevent damages by Swine in the County of Orange and some parts of Ulster County, and for repealing allot her acts concerning the same within the said County of Orange with some additions] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled, [An Act for impowering Justices of the peace to hold pleas of all causes of the value of Five pounds and under and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled, [An Act to regulate the collecting the duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Holland reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report it without amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock to morrow afternoon.

Saturday, the 20th day of December, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honourable* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several duties and Impositions on the Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker reasumed the Chair and

Mr Holland reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled, [An Act to regulate the Collecting the duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons in the Cities and Counties of New York and Albany] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker reasumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better clearing mending and further laying out publick high roads and others in the County of Ulster] and

The Bill Entituled, [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Orange and some parts of Ulster County, and for repealing all other Acts

concerning the same within the said County of Orange with some addition] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Mr Kennedy moved that a Committee might be appointed to consider of the Act of this Colony Entituled, [An Act to prevent the exportation of Provisions, Naval and Warlike Stores from the Colony of New York to Cape Breton, or to any other the Dominions of the French King or places at present in possession of any of his Subjects] and to prepare a Bill more effectually to restrain the exportation of provisions to the French.

Ordered, that Mr Kennedy Mr Murray and Mr Chambers be a Committee for that purpose and that they do prepare and bring in a draft of such Bill, at the first meeting after the Holidays.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Watts with the Bill Entituled, [An Act to enable his Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to make Detachments from the Militia of the several Counties therein mentioned for protecting and securing the Frontiers of this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the 22d *day of December*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honourable* James Alexander, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Colo Gale with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable Creditors more effectually to recover their debts from joint partners] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, [An Act to enable his Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to make Detachments from the Militia of the several Counties therein mentioned for protecting and securing the Frontiers of this Colony] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker reasumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock P. M.

Monday, the 22^{d} *day of December*, 1755. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono*^{ble} JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, [An Act to enable his Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to make detachments from the Militia of the several Counties therein mentioned, for protecting and securing the Frontiers of this Colony] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 23^{d} *day of December*, 1755.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFORD,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency being come to the Council Chamber,

The Speaker left the Chair and

His Excellency sent a Message to the General Assembly, requiring the immediate attendance of that House, and they attending accordingly,

His Excellency was pleased in the presence of the Council and General Assembly to give his Assent to four Bills the titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act further to continue An Act entitled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony.

An Act to enable his Excellency the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being to make detachments from the Militia of the several Counties therein mentioned for protecting and securing the Frontiers of this Colony.

An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the Cities and Counties of New York and Albany.

After which the said four Bills were published in the usual manner and his Excellency directed the Speaker of the General Assembly, to adjourn the House to Tuesday the Sixth day of January next. And then his Excellency returned to the Fort.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday the sixth day of January next.

Tuesday, the 6th day of January, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Thursday afternoon at 3 o clock.

Thursday, the 8th day of January, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Excellency in the words following

Gentlemen,

I Send you a Copy of an additional Instruction from their Excellencies the Lords Justices, given at White Hall, the twelfth Day of August last, directing me to recommend to you, in his Majesty's Name, to make speedy and effectual Provision, for defraying one Moiety of the Expence of obtaining and executing his Majesty's Commission for settling the true Line of Partition between this Province, and the Province of New-Jersey. You must be sensible, it is of the greatest Importance to the Tranquility and Welfare of both Provinces, that a Line of Property and Jurisdiction should be settled between them: And as their Lordships are of Opinion this can only be done by a Commission to be issued by his Majesty for that Purpose, with Liberty to all Parties who shall think themselves aggrieved by the Judgment of the Commissioners thereby to be appointed, to appeal from such Judgment to his Majesty in his Privy Council. And it appears that the Agent for the Proprietors of New-Jersey hath offered to give ample Security for defraying a Moiety of such Expence. I earnestly recommend it to you in his Majesty's Name to make immediate Provision for defraying the other Moiety thereof, that an End may be put to those Outrages, which, for Want of such Settlement, have from Time to Time been committed on the Frontiers of the two Provinces, to the Prejudice of his Majesty's Service, and the Disturbance of the publick Peace.

This is also a favourable Conjuncture for putting into the like State of Determination, the Controversy subsisting between this Province, and the Province of Massachusets-Bay, touching their respective Limits, where the Provinces border on each other. I have already conferred thereupon with his Excellency General Shirley, Governor in Chief of that Province, who has assured me of his Readiness to join in an Application for his Majesty's Commission for this Purpose, and I make no doubt, will recommend to the Assembly of his Government, to defray one half of the Expence which shall attend the same. I therefore recommend this Matter to your Consideration, and that you will provide for defraying the other Moiety of the like Expence.

General Shirley having represented to me, that the Prices which are exacted at present for the Quartering his Majesty's Troops here, greatly exceed the King's Allowance to them, and which the Regiments are not able to Support, having no Fund for it. I do most earnestly recommend to you, to pass a Law for billeting Soldiers, and to make such Addition to the

King's Allowance, as may enable Persons to receive and quarter them without Loss to themselves. The Want of such a Provision must be very prejudicial to his Majesty's Service, and the Interest of the Colonies, and will discourage the Completion of those Regiments, which his Majesty has thought fit to employ in their own immediate Defence.

CHA^S HARDY.

Fort George New York
8th January 1756.

The Council adjourned till to morrow afternoon 4 o clock.

Fryday, the 9th day of January, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
WILLIAM JOHNSON, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to morrow afternoon 3 o clock.

Saturday, the 10th day of January, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Excellency in the words following

Gentlemen,

I Have ordered to be laid before you, a Letter and some Papers, which I lately received from his Excellency General Shirley. The proposed Attempt, if successfull, will be greatly for the Advantage for the common Cause, and not only facilitate but lessen the Expence of the other Operations necessary to remove the French from their unjust Encroachments. The Intelligence encourages our Hopes of Success, and the good Consequences that must result from it, will I hope engage you chearfully to make Provision for the Expence to be borne by this Province. Your Resolutions should be as speedy as possible, as the Service can admit of no Delay.

An Express which arrived here at Noon this Day, brought me a Letter from Col° Dekey, with several Affidavits which I now send you, as also some other Papers, by which you will find that the Enemy Indians have lately murdered several Persons of this Province, and that a Number of the Settlement Indians are come in with their Families, to reside among the Inhabitants, according to the Invitation I sent them lately. Altho' the Accounts of the Enemy are very uncertain, 'tis most probable they are numerous, by their continuing so long on the Frontiers.

The Number of Rangers in the Pay of this Province, appears to me insufficient for the Protection of the People. I have ordered the Rangers to be supported by Detachments of the Militia, but as neither Pay or Provisions is allowed them, they will be backward in going upon this Service. You will therefore take this Matter into Consideration, and by a timely and more ample Provision, avert those Evils from the People of this Province, which some of our

Neighbours have already felt the severe Effects of. At the same Time, I doubt not, you will provide for the Maintenance of those Indians, who by coming into the Towns, may be rendered unable to subsist themselves and their Families.

CHA^S HARDY.

Fort George New York
10th January 1756.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday afternoon 3 o clock.

Tuesday, the 13th *day of January*, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM JOHNSON,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Excellency in the words following vizt

Gentlemen,

Since my Message to you on Saturday last, I have received a Petition from the Inhabitants of Goshen in Orange County, setting forth the open and defenceless Condition of that Part of the Province, and the Necessity of a greater Force to protect them from the Ravages of the Enemy, now very near them, for want of which, Numbers are daily moving off, and the rest, is to be feared, may soon follow.

From the Situation of the Country and the Form of the Settlements, I think the best, if not the only practicable Method to secure the People from these Incursions, and prevent them from deserting their Habitations, is to build a Line of Block Houses at some Distance from the Settlements, from a Place called Machackamak to the Town of Rochester, in Ulster County. The Length of this Line is between thirty and forty Miles, and five or six Block Houses will answer the Purpose, to be defended by a Garrison in each of twenty Men, besides the sixty Rangers already in the Pay of this Province. The neighbouring Province of New-Jersey have fallen upon the like Method for their Defence, and as it appears to me the most eligible of any other, I earnestly recommend to you, to make immediate Provision for the Expence of carrying the same into Execution, that I may issue the proper Orders for doing it without Delay. I send you the Petition, with a Sketch of the Country and Settlements in Orange and Ulster.

CHA^S HARDY.

Fort George New York
13th January 1756.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, "An Act to enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts from joint partners" be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Mr Kennedy from the Committee appointed to prepare the draft of a Bill more effectually to restrain the exportation of Provisions to the French presented to the House a Bill entituled [An Act more effectually to hinder Supplies of Provisions Naval and Warlike stores to be carryed to the French.]

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 14th *day of January,* 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council Resolved it-self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled, [An Act for the better clearing mending and further laying out publick high Roads and others in the County of Ulster] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Chambers reported from the Committee of the whole House, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report it without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third Reading.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled, [An Act to revive An Act intituled An Act to prevent damages by Swine in the County of Orange and some parts of Ulster County and for repealing all other Acts concerning the same within the said County of Orange with some Addition] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker assumed the Chair, and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Bill entituled, [An Act more effectually to hinder supplies of provisions Naval and Warlike Stores to be carried to the French] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 15th *day of January,* 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill entituled [An Act for the better clearing mending and further laying out publick High roads and others in the County of Ulster] and
The Bill entituled, [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to prevent damages by Swine in the County of Orange and some parts of Ulster County, and for repealing all other Acts concerning the same within the said County of Orange with some Addition] be now read the third time.
Then the said Bills were read the third time and
On the Question being severally put
Resolved, that the said two Bills do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any amendment.
The Council adjourned till 3 o clock P. M.

Thursday, the 15th *day of January*, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act to enable Creditors more easily to recover their debts from joint partners] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker reasumed the Chair and
Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and being agreed to
Ordered that the Amendments be engrossed.
And the Amendments being engrossed
Ordered, that the said Bill as amended be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the Bill as amended do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do carry the Bill with the Amendments to the General Assembly and Acquaint them that the Council have passed the Bill with those Amendments to which they desire their concurrence.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it-self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act more effectually to hinder Supplies of Provisions Naval and Warlike Stores to be carried to the French] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker reasumed the Chair and
Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and made several Amendments thereto, which he read, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and the Bill with the Amendments
Ordered to be engrossed.
The Council adjourned till to morrow afternoon 3 o clock.

Fryday, the 16th *day of January*, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it-self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act for empowering Justices of the Peace to hold pleas of all causes of the value of Five pounds and under and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Holland from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker then put the Question

Whether the Bill should be read the third time?

Which passed in the Negative.

The Speaker then put the Question

Whether the Bill should be rejected?

Which passed in the Affirmative.

Resolved, that the Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Council adjourned till Monday next 3 o clock P. M.

Monday, the 19th *day of January*, 1756. P. M

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to morrow afternoon 3 o clock.

Tuesday, the 20th *day of January*, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Bill entituled, [An Act more effectually to hinder Supplies of Provisions Naval and Warlike Stores to be carried to the French] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colo Beekman and Mr Nicoll with the Bill entituled, [An Act to enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts from joint partners] with the Amendments made thereto by the Council acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by striking out the words *so that no* in line 7, and inserting instead thereof, *and doubts have arisen whether any one* and adding the following Proviso at the end of the last clause of the Bill [provided always that it shall not be lawfull by virtue of this Act to execute such Execution against the Body or Lands or Goods the Sole property of any person not brought into Court]

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Holland from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the same, and made an amendment thereto which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again read and being agreed to, the Amendment was

Ordered to be engrossed.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do carry the Bill with the Amendment to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendment to which they desire their Concurrence.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday the 27th Instant.

Tuesday, the 27th *day of January*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Excellency the Governor which was read and is in the words following:

Gentlemen,

At a Council of War held by his Excellency General Shirley with the Governors, and Field Officers then in this City, to concert the necessary Operations for this Year to remove the French from their Incroachments, it was judged necessary that a Body of Forces should be raised by these Colonies, by Quotas from the several Governments, agreeable to the Plan settled by the Commissioners at Albany, in 1754. The Proportions of Men to be raised in each Colony, I send you herewith.

The Succors arrived in Canada from France last Year, and the Probability of their being augmented, not only to secure their present Incroachments, but to effect their further Designs on these Provinces, are Considerations highly deserving our serious Attention, and ought to excite the Colonies to exert themselves in a vigorous Prosecution of the Measures agreed upon, which if carried into Execution in due Season, may, by the divine Blessing on his Majesty's Arms, lay a solid Foundation for the Security of his Majesty's Colonies on this Continent against any future Attempts from the French, and be the most effectual Means to gain the Interest of the far Nations of Indians, reclaim such as are gone over to the French, and fix the six Nations more firmly in the British Interest.

This Province from its Situation with Respect to Canada, is more immediately interested in the Success of this Undertaking against the common Enemy. It behoves us then to set an Example worthy of the other Governments, whose Eyes will be turned on our Conduct upon this important Occasion.

I do therefore most earnestly recommend, that you will without Delay grant the necessary Supplies for raising and subsisting One Thousand Men, the Quota to be furnished by this Province, that I may without Loss of Time, take the proper Measures for this Service, and acquaint the other Governments with your Resolutions, as soon as possible.

CHAs HARDY.

Fort George City of New York
the 27th January 1756.

The Council adjourned till Saturday next at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Saturday, the 31st *day of January*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Leconte and Mr Nicoll with the Bill entituled, [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to regulate the Militia of the Colony of New York with some additions thereto] with the amendments made thereto by the Council acquainting the Council that the House have agreed to the said Amendment and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended by adding a Clause to the said Bill in the words following:

"And whereas the County of Albany is more exposed to the Attempt of an Enemy from Canada, than any other part of this Colony, and in case any Attack on that Quarter should succeed, it might occasion the defection of the Six Nations of Indians. Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Colonel or in his absence the next Commanding Officer of the Militia of the County of Albany, shall be and he is hereby impowered and required from time to time to send out such detachments of Men in their Turn as he shall conceive necessary to be employed as Out Scouts or Rangers, the better to guard against being surprized by an Enemy, and to enable him to defeat their Designs. And the person neglecting or refusing to perform such duty shall forfeit the sum of five pounds, to be levied by Warrant from the said Colonel or next commanding Officer, and applied towards purchasing of Arms for the use of the Regiment. Provided that no such Detachments shall be employed at any one time longer than six days."

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Winne and Colo Lott with the Bill Entituled, [An Act to oblige all persons that come to inhabit or reside in the City of Albany and Township of Schenectady in the County of Albany in order to expose any Goods Wares or Merchandizes to sale at any time after the Annual Assessments made for the necessary and contingent charges of the said City and Township to pay their just proportions towards the same] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Walton and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, [An Act for the payment of the Salaries and other services of the Government from the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and fifty five to the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and fifty six] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Le Conte and Colo Beekman with the Bill entituled, [An Act to empower the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Richmond County to raise by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to purchase Arms and Accoutrements for the use of such persons in the said County as are unable to provide themselves therewith] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Colo Gale with the Bill entituled [An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for wharfage of Ships and other vessels using the Wharfs therein mentioned, and the Rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York and for repealing the Act therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said four Bills be read.

Then the said four Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Monday afternoon 3 o clock.

Monday, the 2d day of February, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the three following Bills be now read the second time vizt

The Bill entituled, [An Act to oblige all persons that come to inhabit or reside in the City of Albany and Township of Schenectady in the County of Albany, in order to expose any Goods Wares or Merchandizes to sale at any time after the annual assessments made for the necessary and contingent charges of the said City and Township to pay their just proportion towards the same.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to impower the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Richmond County to raise by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to purchase arms and accoutrements for the use of such persons in the said County as are unable to provide themselves therewith] &

The Bill entituled, [An Act to establish the rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels using the wharfs therein mentioned, and the rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York and for repealing the Act therein mentioned.]

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday 3 o clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, the 4th day of February, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Colo Lott with the Bill entituled, [An Act for the payment of the debts due from this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Mr Snedeker with the Bill entituled, [An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled, [An Act for the payment of the Salaries and other services of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty five to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty six] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house on the Bill entituled, [An Act to oblige all Persons that come to inhabit or reside in the City of Albany or Township of Schenectady in the County of Albany in order to expose any Goods Wares or Merchandizes to sale at any time after the annual Assessments, made for the necessary and Contingent Charges of the said City and Township to pay their just proportion towards the same] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Holland from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to empower the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Richmond County to raise by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to purchase Arms and Accoutrements for the use of such Persons of the said County as are unable to provide themselves therewith] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker reasumed the Chair, and

Mr Holland from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, And the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to establish the rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels using the Wharfs therein mentioned, and the Rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York and for repealing the Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker reasumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Capt Walton desiring the Council will be pleased to inform that House what progress they have made in the Bill sent up for their concurrence Entituled [An Act for empowering Justices of the peace to hold pleas of all causes of the value of Five pounds and under and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned.]

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly, in answer to their said Message, that the Council have rejected the said Bill.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow afternoon 3 o clock.

Thursday, the 5th day of February, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled [An Act to oblige all Persons that come to inhabit or reside in the City of Albany and Township of Schenectady in the County of Albany, in order to expose any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes to sale at any time after the annual assessments made for the necessary and contingent charges of the said City and Township, to pay their just proportion towards the same]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Richmond County to raise by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds to purchase Arms and Accoutrements for the use of such persons in the said County as are unable to provide themselves therewith] and

The Bill Entituled [An Act to establish the rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels using the Wharfs therein mentioned and the rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York and for repealing the Act therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being put severally on the said Bills

Resolved, that the said three Bills do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two first mentioned of the said Bills without amendment, and that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the last mentioned of the said Bills without amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Le Conte with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick high roads in the County of Westchester with some alterations] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard and Mr Snediker with the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Assignees of Insolvent Debtors more effectually to dispose of the Estates of such Debtors for the benefit of their Creditors] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Depue and Mr Mynderse with the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Ulster County to elect and chuse Surveyors of the high ways in the said County and to repeal a certain section of an Act therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled [An Act for the payment of the Debts due from this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] and

The Bill entituled [An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of Wild Cats in the County of Suffolk] be now read the second time.

Then the said two Bills were read the second time and

Ordered, to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee on the Bill entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries and other services of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty five to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty six] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Holland from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker then put the Question

Whether the Bill should be read the third time?

Lieutenant Governor De Lancey moved that the third reading of the Bill should be postponed and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the third reading of the said Bill be postponed accordingly.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Fryday, the 6th day of February, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Richard and Colo Beekman with the Bill entituled, [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to prevent infectious Destempers being brought into this Colony and to hinder the spreading thereof with an addition thereto] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Mr Walton with the Bill entituled, [An Act for the further explaining and rendring more effectuall the two Acts therein mentioned so far as they relate to the City of New York] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick highways in the County of Westchester with some alterations]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Assignees of Insolvent Debtors more effectually to dispose of the estates of such Debtors for the benefit of their Creditors] and

The Bill intituled [An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Ulster County to elect and chuse Surveyors of the Highways in the said County and to repeal a certain section of An Act therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said three Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker then left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the Debts due from this Colony and other the purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Cōmittee of the whole House in his place reported that upon the Chairman putting the Question, whether he should report the Bill without Amendment, Mr Alexander objected and moved "That as there are many services done and debts supposed due provided for by this Bill, whether this Bill should be reported before the Proofs of those services, and of those Debts, be laid before the Council to be considered of" And the Question being put on Mr Alexanders motion, after debate it passed in the affirmative, and that thereupon the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Mr Alexander dissented to the Report of the Committee and to reading the Bill the third time.

Then the Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 7th day of February, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Alexander moved that as by the vote of yesterday in the Committee, he conceives this House is deprived of the means of knowing for what services all the large sums ordered by the Bill entituled [An Act for the payment of the debts due from this Colony and other the purposes therein mentioned] are to be paid, That as three Gentlemen now present in this House have large sums ordered to be paid them for services, that at least they would be pleased to acquaint this House what those services were for which those sums are ordered to be paid to them.

The Speaker then put the Question

Whether the Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the debts due from this Colony and other the purposes therein mentioned] should now be read the third time?

Which passed in the Affirmative

And the Bill was accordingly read the third time.

And the Question being put

Whether the Bill should pass?

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Colden, Mr Alexander, and Mr Smith dissented to the passing the said Bill and desired till the next meeting of the Council to give their Reasons for their dissent.

Ordered, that Mr Murray do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Winne and Mr Snedeker with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Proprietors or owners of that part of the great plains in Queens County which lies within the Townships of Hempstead and Oysterbay and is used as a Common of

Pastures to hang Swinging Gates on the Highways running through the said plains, and to establish prudential Orders and Rules with respect to the management of the said Common] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 10th *day of February*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker

JAMES ALEXANDER,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
EDWARD HOLLAND, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock P. M.

Tuesday, the 10th *day of February*, 1756. P. M

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Colden, Mr Alexander and Mr Smith delivered in their Reasons for their dissent to the Bill passed by the Council entituled [An Act for the payment of the Debts due from this Colony and other the purposes therein mentioned] which are as follow:

IT is with concern that we think our selves in Duty bound to dissent to the passing of this Bill, by reason that we apprehend That it is in its consequences destructive of his Majesty's Rights of Judging of the rewards due to his servants in this Government, and likewise on account of the popular prejudices which may be entertained of our opposing the payment of Just Debts which are provided for in this Bill. But we hope that with disinterested and unprejudiced persons, the following reasons will fully Justify us.

1. Large sums are by this Bill to be paid to particular persons by name for services in general done, without specifying what these services are, whereby the Council are disabled to Judge whether the sums allowed for these services are adequate to them. And while these services are not particularly specified, they may again and again be charged, and it cannot appear that any Money for any particular service has been paid and a proper discharge of the same obtained.

2d A Motion having been made in the Committee to which this Bill was refferred to know the services for which these sums were to be paid, it was carried by majority of votes, that no such Enquiry should be made whereby the Council is intirely deprived of any means of Judging of the reasonableness or Justice in paying of large sums.

3d That large sums are directed to be paid as Ballances of Accounts to Persons who had large sums of the publick money put into their hands, and as we think it not probable that some of the Persons who had those sums of money put into their hands were capable of advancing such large sums, We think it the more requisite to examine by what means such large sums became due to them.

4. That as an opinion seemed to prevail in the Committee, that the Assembly would not allow any amendment, or any conference on this Bill, and for that reason the Majority of the Committee inclined to Report the Bill without amendment, or further enquiry into the reasons for allowing such sums to particular Persons We are of opinion that this deprives the Council

of all means of Judging of the reasonableness of Issuing the Publick Money by this Bill, Whereby the Council are put under the dishonourable necessity of either blindly assenting to Bills sent to them by the Assembly for the payment of Publick Services and debts, or of refusing the same however just and reasonable they may be.

5. The method which we suppose is taken in this Bill of paying the salaries of the Officers of the Government by way of debt due to them, by name, and for Services in general done, without specifying that it is for the salaries due to them is an effectual way to defeat the intention of his Majesty's Instructions to his Governor of this Province concerning the payment of the reasonable salaries of the Officers and contingent services of Government, and deprive his Majesty of Judging of what rewards may be due or allowed to his servants, or for any publick service done, and likewise deprives his Majesty's Council of this Province of all means of reasonably advising of what rewards may be justly due for such services.

6. It has been thought reasonable to have the Judges as much as possible free from all undue influence in giving their Judgments. We apprehend that while they depend on the arbitrary pleasure of an Assembly from year to year for their Salaries, they are thereby lyable to undue Influence. And if it be supposed that they can be influenced, such Influence will be of much greater extent, while they are thus subjected to the Arbitrary pleasure of An Assembly, than they can be by any Influence from a Governor of this Province, while they continue to have their Commissions during good behaviour as they now have. And such Influence must still be greater when they are not certain of their salaries till after the services are done, and if this method of paying all officers of the Government for services done be continued, those officers must for ever remain subject to an undue Influence.

7. By this Bill we find large sums allowed for debts contracted and services done, many of them we believe without the knowledge or order of the Commander in Chief of this province. Whereas other debts due and necessary services done by order of the Commander in Chief by advice of Council, remain unprovided for. For Example, The Services and Expences of the several Commissioners of this Province appointed by advice of Council to meet the Commissioners of the Massachusets-Bay at Albany to treat concerning the Bounds of the two Provinces and to put an end to the Disturbances and Murders committed and like to be committed on the Borders tho' the accounts for those services were laid before the Assembly to be provided for. Also upwards of one thousand pounds Ballance of the account of Coll° William Johnson now Sir William Johnson, tho' expended by order of Governor and Council for retaining of the Six Nations of Indians in their dependance on His Majesty and this Province, and the account sworn to. And when that service had been neglected to be provided for by the Assembly, and when great Danger was of not only intirely losing those six Nations but of their becoming his Majesty's Enemies and the Enemies of this Province, We could assign other examples but think those two sufficient. And if it become a Rule that debts contracted and services done without order or knowledge of the Commander in Chief are to be amply provided for, and those done by order of the Commander in Chief by advice of Council, to remain without provision for them, We think the consequence is to apparent to need pointing out.

8. The Exercise of the Legislative Authority of this Province is directed by his Majesty's Commission to the Governor of this Province, By which Commission all publick Moneys are directed to be issued by warrant from the Governor of this Province by advice of Council and not otherwise. But by this Bill no regard is paid to the positive and Express directions in the said Commission.

9. We think there are many other reasons why this Bill should not pass, particularly the tacking together of many matters of different Natures. But as we conceive the preceeding are sufficient, we decline assigning any further reasons.

CADWALLADER COLDEN
JA. ALEXANDER
W^M SMITH.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent infectious Distempers being brought into this Colony and to hinder the spreading thereof with an addition thereto]

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the further explaining and rendring more effectual the two Acts therein mentioned so far as they relate to the City of New York] and

The Bill entituled [An Act to enable the proprietors or owners of that part of the great plains in Queens County which lies within the Townships of Hempstead and Oysterbay, and is used as a Common of Pasture to hang Swinging Gates on the Highways running thro' the said plains, and to establish prudential orders and rules with respect to the management of the said Common] be now read the second time.

Then the said three Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Assignees of Insolvent Debtors more effectually to dispose of the Estates of such debtors for the benefit of their Creditors] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Alexander dissented to the said Bill.

Mr Smith dissented to the said Bill Because by his Majesty's Commission this House is restrained to pass any Bill repugnant to the Laws of England, and the said Bill appears to him to be repugnant to the Statute de donis conditionalibus. And it doth not appear to him that the Legislature within this Province can enact any Method to dock an Entail that is not founded on the Law and usage of England.

The Speaker then left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Ulster County to elect and Chuse Surveyors of the highways in the said County and to repeal a certain Section of an Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole house on the Bill entituled [An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of Wild Cats in the County of Suffolk] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole house, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the further explaining and rendering more effectuall the two Acts therein mentioned so far as they relate to the City of New York] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker assumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report it without Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Proprietors or Owners of that part of the great plains in Queens County which lies within the Townships of Hempstead and Oysterbay, and is used as a Common of Pasture, to hang swinging Gates on the highways running through the said Plains, and to establish Prudential Orders and Rules with respect to the management of the said Common] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council desire they will be pleased to inform them what progress the House have made in the Bill sent down for their concurrence Entituled [An Act more effectually to hinder Supplies of Provisions, Naval and Warlike stores to be carried to the French.]

The Council adjourned till Thursday afternoon 3 o clock.

Thursday, the 12th *day of February*, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Collo Lot with the Bill Entituled, [An Act for Naturalizing Lambertus De Ronde, Nicholas De Ronde, Manual Josephson, Gershon Moses Levy, Benjamin Lyon, Hayman David, Jonas Solomon, Levy Hart, Johan Casper Zincke and Daniel Ranold] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, [An Act for the further explaining and rendring more effectual the two Acts therein mentioned so far as they relate to the City of New York] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Proprietors or Owners of that part of the great plains in Queens County which lies within the Townships of Hempstead and Oysterbay, and is used as a Common of pasture, to hang Swinging Gates on the highways running through the said plains, and to establish prudential Orders and rules with respect to the Managment of the said Common] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday 3 o clock P. Meridiem.

Tuesday, the 17th *day of February*, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing Lambertus De Ronde, Nicholas De Ronde, Manued Josephson, Gershon Moses Levy, Benjamin Lyon, Hayman David, Jonas Solomon, Levy Hart, Johan Casper Zincke, and Daniel Ranold] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered, to be committed.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought from his Excellency a copy of a Message to the General Assembly with the two Papers therein mentioned and the Message and papers being read, The Message is as follow vizt

Gentlemen,

Your Resolutions of the 28th ultimo, I transmitted to his Excellency Major General Shirley, and now send you an Extract of his Letter to me thereupon, with a Copy of a Letter to him from Lieu^t Colonels Burton and Bradstreet of the 23d of January. From the Intelligence in the latter, you will see how necessary it is, that the Quota of Men to be furnished by this Province, and which you have already determined to provide for, should be raised forthwith, that the Enemy by being too early in their Preparations may not disappoint the Service the Provincial Forces are to be employed in. I therefore recommend to you, to proceed in the Measures necessary to enable me to carry your Resolution into Effect, and to draft Men from the Militia, should a sufficient number of Voluntiers not offer themselves for this Service.

CHA^s HARDY.

Fort George N. York
16th February 1756.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^o Gale and Mr Dupuy with the Bill Entituled [An Act to vest in Trustees a Power of Selling any Quantity of unlocated Lands within the patents of Minisink and Wawayanda, for raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds from each of the said patents to defend the Title and possessions of the proprietors of the said two Patents against the pretensions of the People of East New Jersey and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

On the Question being put

Whether the Bill should be read the second time?

Mr Alexander moved that he might have a Copy of the Bill in order to enable him to object against the second reading of the said Bill.

The Council adjourned to Thursday at 11 o clock in the morning.

Thursday, the 19th *day of February*, 1756. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honourable* James Alexander, Esqr, Speaker,

Archibald Kennedy,
James De Lancey,
Daniel Horsmanden,
Joseph Murray,
Edward Holland,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

His Excellency being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House, and the General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency in the presence of the Council and General Assembly gave his assent to the twelve following Bills (vizt)

An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York with some additions thereto.

An Act for the better clearing amending and further laying out publick high-roads and others in the County of Ulster.

An Act to enable Creditors more easily to recover their debts from joint Partners.

An Act impower the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Richmond County to raise by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, to purchase Arms and

accoutrements for the use of such Persons in the said County as are unable to provide themselves therewith.

An Act to establish the rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels using the Wharfs therein mentioned, and the rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York and for repealing the Act therein mentioned.

An Act to oblige all Persons that come to inhabit or reside in the City of Albany or Township of Schenectady in the County of Albany, in order to expose any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes to sale, at any time after the annual Assessments made for the necessary and contingent Charges of the said City and Township, to pay their just proportions towards the same.

An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Ulster County to elect and chuse Surveyors of the Highways in the said County and to repeal a certain section of an Act therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the Assignees of Insolvent Debtors more effectually to dispose of the Estates of such Debtors for the benefit of their Creditors.

An Act for the further explaining and rendring more effectual the two Acts therein mentioned, so far as they relate to the City of New York.

An Act to enable the Proprietors or Owners of that part of the Great Plains in Queens County which lies within the Townships of Hempstead and Oysterbay, and is used as a common of Pasture, to hang swinging Gates on the Highways running through the said Plains, and to establish prudential orders and Rules with respect to the management of the said Common.

An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act to prevent damages by Swine in the County of Orange and some parts of Ulster County, and for repealing all other acts relating to the same within the said County of Orange, with some addition.

An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of Wild Cats in the County of Suffolk.

After which the said twelve Acts were published in the usual manner, and then his Excellency returned to the Fort.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Walton and Coll° Lott acquainting the Council in answer to the Message of this House desiring to know what progress the General Assembly had made in the Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to hinder supplies of Provisions, Naval and Warlike Stores to be carried to the French] That the House of Assembly conceives the Act now in force for the like purpose is much better than the one proposed. That that House would readily join in any reasonable Measures more effectually to prevent any supplies being carried to the French, but are of opinion that the operation of the Bill sent down by the Council for that purpose depends upon such a variety of contingencies as must render its execution difficult and perplexing, if not impracticable, for which reason that House have declined any further Proceedings upon it.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock to Morrow afternoon.

Fryday, the 20th *day of February*, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to revive an Act entituled, An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out public High Ways in the County of Westchester with some alterations] and

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills, and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bills

Ordered a third reading.

Then the said two Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being severally put

Resolved, that the said two Bills do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

Mr Alexander presented his Reasons why the Bill Entituled [An Act to vest in Trustees a power of selling any Quantity of unlocated Lands within the patents of Minisink and Wawayanda, for raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds from each of the said Patents, to defend the Title and possessions of the proprietors of the said two patents against the pretentions of the people of East New Jersey and other purposes therein mentioned] should be rejected without a second reading.

Which Reasons being read were

Ordered to entered and are as follow

1st For that his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy our Governor did on the 20th of December last Communicate to the Members of the Council, an Instruction to him from his Majesty (when it was ordered to be entered in the minutes) in or nearly in the words following to witt

That you do not give your assent to any private Act until proof be made before you in Council and entered in the Council Books, that publickation was made of the parties intention to apply for such Act in the several parish Churches where the Premises in Question lye, for three Sundays at least successively before any such Act shall be brought into the Assembly.

But no proof has been made before his Excellency in Council and entered in the Council Books of any publick Notification of an Intention to apply for this Act according to the direction of the said Instruction, and as his Excellency for want of that cannot give his Assent to this Bill, it can be of no use to this House to pass it and therefore a second reading thereof useless.

2d For that if it should be pretended that sundry affidavits were on the thirtieth day of June last read before the Lieutenant Governor and Council tending to prove a Notification of an Intention to apply for such a Bill

I answer that pursuant to that Notification, a Bill was sent up by the Assembly to this House on the first day of July last, considerably different in its Tenor from this Bill, and upon the first reading of which, objections were offered to the second reading thereof, which were entered in the Minutes of this House on the 5th day of July last, whereon copies of the objections were ordered to be given to those who sollicited that Bill, and tho' that Session lasted for sundry weeks after, yet no answers were given to the said objections in order to induce this House to give that Bill a second reading, nor had it ever a second reading, and by the first prorogation since that time, all proceedings concerning that Bill were put an end to and consequently to the said Notification thereof, whereby that former Notification of that Bill can be no Notification of this Bill so long afterwards, for if it could be a Notification of a Bill of a different Tenor, brought in many Months after, in a different Session, it might be so of a Bill brought in many years after, which would render of no effect, not only the words but the Intent and meaning of the said Instruction.

3dly For that in all the parts in this Bill which are similar to the said former Bill, those parts are lyable to the like objections as were made and entered in the Minutes on the 5th July last, to which for Brevity he refers.

4thly For that by this Bill it is alledged that the Majority of the Owners of the Patents of Minisink and Wawayanda have consented to bear their equal proportions of the Moneys, and chosen the Trustees therein mentioned for raising those moneys by sale of parts of the said Patents, but he neither knows nor believes that to be true, and clear proof of that fact ought he humbly conceives to appear to this House before the second reading of this Bill, that those who think the proof insufficient, may have the opportunity of pointing out the Insufficiences, and having them entered on the Minutes of this House.

5thly That were it true that a Majority of the Partners of the said Patents had consented to the sale of part of their Inheritances for raising Moneys for the purposes in the Bill, yet he humbly conceives that that is no reason for the sale of the Inheritances of the Minority who may be willing to pay in ready Money their proportions, and for his part he declares he is ready and willing to pay in ready money his proportion of the £500 therein mentioned to be paid by the partners of the Minisink and Wawayanda Patents for the Settling of the Line of Partition between New York and New Jersey, and he humbly conceives an Opportunity ought to be given to all other Partners to pay in their proportions thereof to save their Inheritances from being sold by persons whom they never Intrusted for that purpose, and as to the remaining fifteen hundred pounds to be raised by this Bill, if all the damages pretended to have been suffered were really as he believes by Crimes committed by the sufferers in carrying on the Scheme pointed out by

page 50 of the printed papers annexed to the Memorial of the Proprietors of East Jersey, he humbly conceives they are no way intitled to the aid of the Legislature to reimburse those damages, and that their Actions for which they suffered those damages, were not criminal, cannot appear till the controversey concerning the partition Line be settled.

JA^s ALEXANDER.

Febry 20th 1756.

Ordered, that all persons concerned in passing the said Bill, be at Liberty to take copies of the said Reasons and of the Bill.

Then the Council adjourned till Tuesday the 2^d day of March next.

Tuesday, the second day of March, 1756. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JAMES ALEXANDER, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Excellency in the words following

Gentlemen,

On Tuesday last about Noon, a Party consisting of Thirty or Forty Indians, attack'd and burnt the House of Philip Swortwout in Ulster County, murdered five of the People, took a Woman Prisoner, and destroyed the Cattle. And, lately a Man was killed by the Indians near Goshen. For your further Information, I send you the Papers containing this Intelligence. No Time should be lost in pursuing proper Measures for putting a Stop to these Incursions, least they become general, and the Inhabitants, for want of a speedy and effectual Assistance, be forced to abandon their Settlements. The Hopes of Plunder may induce other Indians not yet in Hostility against us, to join the Enemy, and it would be increasing the Misfortune of the People exposed by their Situation to such Barbarities, to throw upon them the chief Burthen of an Expence which ought to be borne by the whole Province.

I therefore earnestly recommend to you to make Provision for supporting a sufficient Force to drive off the Enemy, and pursue them even to the Places of their Residence or Retreat, and thus reduce them to the Necessity of desiring Peace. In this Measure there is no Room to doubt New-Jersey will readily join us, and as soon as I know your Resolutions to subsist a Body of Men for this Service, I will transmit them to that Government.

CHA^s HARDY.

Fort George New York
the 2^d March 1756.

The Council adjourned till Thursday 3 o clock. P. M.

Thursday, the fourth day of March, 1756. P. M

The Council mett according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Excellency in the words following

Gentlemen,

I Send you Copies of a Letter from his Excellency Major General Shirley, and the Resolutions of the Province of Massachusets-Bay, to raise a Body of Men for an Attempt this Year upon the French Works at or near Crown-Point. Also a Letter from Governor Fitch, of the first Instant, informing me of the Number of Men the Colony of Connecticut have agreed to raise for the like Service.

Those two Governments have far exceeded the Proportions allotted them, in Expectation that the other Provinces concerned in the same Expedition last Year would again unite and raise a sufficient Force, without relying upon the southern Governments, it being altogether uncertain whether they will contribute their Proportions, and of the utmost Consequence that this Service should be effected this Year.

If we neglect improving the present Juncture to recover his Majesty's just Rights, by rendering our selves Masters of that important Post, there is little Probability that another so favourable will offer, as the French will use every Means to secure Incroachments, which they had not been tempted to make, but from the Advantages they foresaw must arise to the Possessor of them. I therefore hope you will chearfully determine to augment the Quota of Men to be raised by this Province, in Proportion to that of the Eastern Governments, least the Service may be disappointed for the Want of it.

CHA^S HARDY.

Fort George New York
4th March 1756.

The Council adjourned till Saturday the 20th Instant at 3 o clock P. M^r.

Saturday, the 20th day of March, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^o Beekman and Mr Watts with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising paying and subsisting one thousand seven hundred and fifteen effective Men, officers included, to be employed in conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies on an Expedition for reducing the French Fort at Crown Point, and carrying on an offensive War against the Indians who infest the Western Frontiers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned til Monday 3 o clock P. M

Monday, the 22^{d} *day of March,* 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled [An Act for raising paying and subsisting one thousand seven hundred and fifteen Effective Men, officers included, to be employed in conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies on an Expedition for reducing the French Forts at Crown Point and carrying on an offensive Warr against the Indians who infest the Western Frontiers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o clock Post Meridiem.

Tuesday, the 23^{d} *day of March,* 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 3 o clock P. M.

Wednesday, the 24th *day of March,* 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to continue an Act entituled An Act to prevent infectious Distempers being brought into this Colony and to hinder the spreading thereof with an addition thereto.] And after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put.
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed ıe said Bill without any Amendment.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 25th day of March, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

'RESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Fryday, the 26th day of March, 1756.

The Council mett according to adjournment.

?RESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES ALEXANDER,
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the 29th day of March, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 30th *day of March,* 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to [Morrow] Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 31st *day of March,* 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising paying and subsisting one thousand seven hundred and fifteen effective Men Officers included, to be employed in conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies on an Expedition for reducing the French Fort at Crown Point, and carrying on an offensive War against the Indians who infest the Western Frontiers of this Colony, and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.
Mr Kennedy dissented to the said Bill and his reasons being read are as follows (vizt)

I desire my Dissent may be entered to the passing this Bill. Because I conceive there are some things in it derogatory of his Majestys Rights, inconsistant and infringing the Acts of Trade.

Troops raised for the publick service are indisputably in the disposition of the King or his Captain General, who from the Nature of things and of his office, must be allowed to be the best Judge of the degrees of the danger, and where most pressing.

When the danger is apparent, Troops are levyed. But the destination is absolutely in the Sovereign.

We may have some Idea of the present danger, but circumstances may so alter the nature of things, as it may not be in our power either to remedy or obviate it. Our declaring therefore by a Law that some of those Troops shall goe this way, some that way, some so far, and not further, is encroaching upon the rights of the Sovereign, and inconsistant with the first principles of Government and common reason.

The provision in the Bill for the Security of two County's, seems to put them in a worse situation than they were before. Thirty five shillings is given to Voluntiers in those Countys to purchase a Gun and a Blanket. If none appear they are to be drafted from the Regiments. The Bounty to Crown Point is £5 with clothes, Arms and every other Camp necessary. Now

vill not every Man in his right senses, who expects or even suspects his being drafted, rather huse the £5 &c than the 35s which will hardly buy him a good Gun. Thus the defence of hose Counties in all probability is like to be left to the Old and Superannuated, and it will be efended I doubt accordingly.

Impowering Commissarys to take into their Care and Custody Gun Powder or any other ommodity while under seizure by the Officers of his Majesty's Customs for illegal importation, nd upon Tryal in a due course of Law in the Supreme Court of the Province, which is well nown to the Gentlemen of the Assembly to be the Case of the Gun powder mentioned in the Bill, is an infringement of the Acts of Trade, and taking upon us to dispense with the Laws f Great Britain by an Act of this Colony.

ARCH^D KENNEDY.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Afternoon 4 o clock.

Thursday, the first day of April, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency the Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of the House and they attending accordingly.

His Excellency in the presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to five Bills the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act for the payment of the debts due from this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for raising paying and subsisting one thousand seven hundred and fifteen effective Men, officers included, to be employed in conjunction with the Neighbouring Colonies in an Expedition for reducing the French Fort at Crown point, and carrying on an offensive War against the Indians who infest the Western Frontiers of this Colony, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out publick Highways in the County of Westchester with some alterations.

An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent infectious Distempers being brought into this Colony and to hinder the spreading thereof, with an addition thereto.

After which the said five Acts were published in the usual manner, and his Excellency directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House until Tuesday the 27th day of April Instant.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday the 27th day of April Instant.

Tuesday the 27th day of April, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Thursday 4 o clock Post Meridiem

Thursday, the 29th day of April, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Excellency in th words following.

Gentlemen,

Immediately after your Adjournment, I issued Warrants for inlisting the Number of Men t be employed by this Government, in Conjunction with the Forces of the other Colonies, i removing the French from their Encroachments at and near Crown point. By the Returns yc made me, a considerable Number are wanting to compleat the Levies. The Time for th Provincial Armies assembling at Albany draws near, and as there is little Prospect of raisin the Quota of this Province, by voluntary Inlistment in due Time, for joining the Forces of th other Governments, without a Law is passed to detach or impress the Number wanting fro the Militia, I recommend it to you, to take this Matter into your serious Consideration, an frame a proper Bill for this Purpose, that no Time may be lost in the Prosecution of this Servic The Monies granted for Maintaining the Troops, not yet appropriated, should be applied, i order to be lodged in the Hands of the Commissaries and Pay masters, as the Service sha require.

I have defer'd raising the Forces to be employed in Conjunction with the Governments New Jersey and Pensilvania, untill I received a determinate Answer from Governor Morris Extracts of his Letters to me on this Subject, I now send you for your Information, and mu recommend it to you, to make Provision for the Pay and Subsistence of the 400 Men, intende for that Service, that I may give the necessary Orders for their being raised to join the oth Forces destined for the Service against Crown point, or, if necessary, to be employed in t Defence of the Western Frontier.

The Number of Forces to be employed this Campaign; the Reasons I have to hope h Majesty will be graciously pleased to assist his Colonies with an additional Reinforcement Troops from Great-Britain, and the Fleet to be employed in North-America, will necessaril call for large demands of Provisions; the absolute Necessity of preventing the Enemys drawin Supplies from the Provision Colonies, and the ordinary Consumption of the Province, a Considerations highly worthy your Attention; I cannot therefore, but earnestly recommend t you, to prepare a Bill, to prohibit the further Exportation of Provisions.

The great Demand of Carriages, Horses, &ca for the Transportation of Provisions and Stor from Albany, both Northward and Westward, makes it necessary to ascertain the Rates to l taken for such Services, and the Prices of Materials, that private Persons may not tak Advantage of the publick Exigencies.

The Militia of the upper Parts of the Province, particularly the Counties of Albany a Dutchess, have of late been frequently imployed in long Marches, and from their Situation a more liable to be called upon than the lower Counties. The Militia of Orange and Ulster, ha also been much harrass'd this Winter, in keeping constantly Parties on their Frontiers for the Defence. You must be sensible that this Duty falls very unequally on Individuals, and oft on those whose Families Support depends on their Labour. The Readiness they have shewn attend the several Services, when called upon by their Officers, encourages me to hope, yo will take this Matter into your Consideration, and make them an Allowance for their pa Service, and a suitable Provision to enable them to bear the Losses that must attend their futu marching to any Parts of the Frontier that may require their Assistance.

I have ordered several other Papers to be laid before you, which you will take into yo Consideration.

CHAs HARDY.

Fort George New York
29th April 1756.

The Council adjourned till Sunday 5 o clock P. M.

Sunday, the 2d day of May, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

RESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Collo Beekman with a Bill ıtituled [An Act to revive an Act entituled, An Act more effectually to restrain the exportation Provisions and War like Stores from the Colony of New York with an addition thereto] ›siring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Verplanck with the Bill ıtituled [An Act for the more speedy and effectual raising the Forces to be furnished by this ›lony on the expedition against Crown point] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered, to be committed.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock.

Monday, the 3d day of May, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

RESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An ct to revive an Act entituled An Act more effectually to restrain the Exportation of Provisions ıd War like Stores from the Colony of New York with an addition thereto] and after some me spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Holland from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee ad gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his lace, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments ere again read, and being agreed to
Ordered to be engrossed.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.
Then the said Bill was Read the third time as amended and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Holland do carry back the said Bill to the General Assembly with the mendments made thereto by the Council and acquaint the House that the Council have passed ıe said Bill with those Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence.
The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more speedy and effectual raising the Forces to be furnished by this Colony on the Expedition against Crown point] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock P. M.

Monday, the 3d day of May, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplanck and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Mannor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester to elect two additional Constables] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act more effectually to restrain the exportation of Provisions and War like stores from the Colony of New York with an Addition thereto with the amendments made thereto by the Council acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended as follows vizt

In the Title the word *Addition* struck out and *Alteration* inserted instead thereof: page 1 line 16 between the words *contained* and *Enacted* these words were inserted [Except the fourth Enacting clause therein relating to the supplying Spanish Garisons with provisions.] Page line 17 After the word *Force* these words were inserted [from the Publication hereof for a Term of twenty one days and after the expiration of the said term of twenty one days.]

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 4th day of May, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Mannor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester to Ellect two additional Constables] be now read a second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and having ne through the same
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee l gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report it without amendment.
Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed said Bill without Amendment.
His Excellency the Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the neral Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House.
And they attending accordingly with their Speaker
His Excellency in presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his sent to the three Bills, the Titles whereof are as follow viz

An Act for the more speedy and effectual raising the Forces to be furnished by this Colony the Expedition against Crown point.

An Act to revive an Act entituled, An Act more effectually to restrain the Exportation of ovisions and Warlike Stores from the Colony of New York with an alteration thereto.

An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Mannor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester elect two additional Constables.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned til 5 o clock P. M.

Tuesday, the fourth day of May, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

RESENT — *The Honourable* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

James De Lancey,
Joseph Murray,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled An Act to limit and ascertain the Rates to be taken for Carriages to be employed or impressed into his Majesty's Service in this Colony] Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered to be read a second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 5th day of May, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to limit and ascertain the Rates to be taken for Carriages employed or impressed into his Majesty's Service in this Colony] and the Committee having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the Bill without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

His Excellency being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance, and they attending accordingly

His Excellency in presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his assent to the following Bill vizt

An Act to limit and ascertain the Rates to be taken for Carriages employed or impressed into his Majesty's Service in this Colony.

And after the same was published His Excellency directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House to Tuesday the 25th Instant there to meet to proceed upon Business without further Notice.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday the twenty fifth day of May 1756.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXII., 143.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the (L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty fifth* day of *May* Instant. I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to adjourn and I do with the Advice of his Majesty's Council hereby further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *first* day of *June* next ensuing then to meet to proceed upon Business to which all his Majestys Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fifteenth* day of *May* 1756 in the *twenty ninth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &ca.

CHAS HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D Secry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXII., 152.]

By his Excellency

Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *firs* day of *June* next. I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to adjourn and I do with the advice of his Majesty's Council hereby further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *eighth* day of the said Month of *June* then to meet and proceed upon Business of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *May* 1756 in the *twenty ninth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CHA^S HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXII., 155.]

By his Excellency

Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *eighth* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to adjourn, and I do with the advice of his Majesty's Council hereby further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fifteenth* day of the said month of *June* then to meet and proceed upon Business of which all his Majestys subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fifth* day of *June* 1756 in the *twenty ninth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CHA^S HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D. Cl. Con.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXII., 158.]

By his Excellency

Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *fifteenth* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to adjourn and I do with

the advice of his Majesty's Council hereby further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *twenty fourth* day of the said month of *June* next then to meet to Proceed upon business of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twelfth* day of *June* 1756 in the *twenty ninth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CHA^S HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sêcry*

God save the KING.

Thursday, the 24th *day of June,* 1756.

The General Assembly having on the fifth day of May last by his Excellency's directions been adjourned to the twenty fifth day of the same month And his Excellency having by several Proclamations from time to time since published adjourned the General Assembly to this day, The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 3 o clock P. M.

Tuesday, the 29th *day of June,* 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Excellency, which being read was
Ordered to be entered and is as follows

Gentlemen,

Having received a Letter bearing Date the 13th of March last, from the Right Honourable Henry Fox, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, I have an opportunity to acquaint you that his Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun, Commander in Chief of all his Forces in North-America, and to order two Regiments, (which are already arrived here) also a Train of Artillery, and a sufficient Quantity of warlike Stores, for the publick Service in these Parts.

I am commanded by his Majesty to signify to you, that as it is of the greatest Importance that the King's Regiments in North America, as well the three stationed in Nova Scotia, as those in this Province, should be recruited as soon as possible to their full Compliment of 1000 each, it is his Majesty's Pleasure, that I should call you together and press you and I do accordingly recommend to you in the strongest Manner to make the most early and effectual Provision for raising, and assisting his Majesty's Officers to raise, such a Number of Men as shall be sufficient to recruit the King's Regiments now stationed or to be stationed in

North America, up to their Establishments. And his Majesty, in order to encourage his faithfull Subjects to engage in a Service so essential for their own Defence and Preservation, does consent that such Recruits shall not be obliged to serve any where but in North America; that they shall be discharged when Hostilities shall cease and that each of them shall have a Grant of Two Hundred Acres of Land, free from the Payment of Quit Rents, for ten Years, either in the Province of New York, New-Hampshire, or Nova-Scotia, at their own Choice, the Lands to be granted them on producing their Discharge from the Commander in Chief, to the Governor of either of the said Provinces, respectively, and in Case they should be killed in the said Service, their Widows and Children to be entitled to the said Lands, in such Proportion as the Governor and Council of the Province wherein such Lands lye shall direct.

His Majesty from his tender Concern so frequently shewn to these Colonies, having in his great Goodness recommended their Case to the Consideration of his Parliament, the Parliament have granted the Sum of £115,000, to be distributed in such Proportions as the King shall think proper, to the four Provinces of New-England, this Province, and New-Jersey, and thereby enabled his Majesty not only to manifest his Sense of their past Services, but also to encourage them for the future to exert themselves in the Service with Spirit and Vigor. His Majesty therefore expects that his Colonies will heartily and zealously concur in every Measure which shall be thought adviseable for carrying on the War in North-America, and that they will raise the same Number of Men in each Colony, as were raised last Year, (whereof as great a Proportion as may be, to consist of Rangers) to act in Conjunction with the King's Troops, in such Operations as shall be undertaken for annoying the Enemy and recovering his Majesty's just Rights, and to be ready to march to such Place as the Commander in Chief shall direct. This Service will be the less burthensome to the Colonies, as the raising of the Men, their Pay, Arms and Cloathing, will be all that will be required of them, Measures having been already taken for laying up Magazines of Stores and Provisions of all Kinds, at the sole Expence of the Crown.

It is also his Majesty's Pleasure that I should particularly recommend it to you, to maks Provision out of such Funds as already exist, or may hereafter be raised for the King's Service, for repaying the Masters of such indented Servants as shall engage in his Majesty's Service, the Money paid by the said Masters upon the original Contract, in Proportion to the Time such indented Servants have to serve.

His Majesty also expects, that the Funds now raised and appropriated, or which shall be raised for the publick Service, be issued and applied to the general Service, in such Manner ss the Commander in Chief shall direct.

I have likewise his Majesty's Commands to recommend to you, to pass effectual Laws for prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with the French, and for preventing the Exportation of Provisions of all Kinds, to any of their Islands or Colonies.

The Provision you have already made for the raising and subsisting a larger Body of Forces than were raised by this Colony for the Service last Year, is a Proof of your Attention to the Welfare of these Colonies, and the Danger they lie exposed to from an active, vigilant, and enterprizing Enemy, which cannot fail of meeting with his Majesty's favourable Acceptance. And from these fresh and repeated Instances of his Majesty's affectionate Regard for the Safety of his American Subjects, I make no doubt the other Matters, which, in Obedience to his Commands, I now earnestly recommend to you to provide for, will have their due Weight in the Course of your Deliberations, and that you will do every Thing therein which may be expected from a dutifull, loyal, and gratefull People.

CHA^s HARDY.

Fort George New York
29th June, 1756.

The Council adjourned till Thursday Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the first day of July, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prohibit the sale of Rum or any other strong Liquors to any Indian or Indians within the City or County of Albany excepting at the Trading

House at Oswego and to prevent the buying exchanging or taking in Pawn of or from any of the said Indians any Arms Ammunition or Clothing] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Beekman and Mr Walton with the Bill entituled [An Act to enforce and render more effectual An Act entituled, An Act to prevent Vagrant and Idle persons from being a charge and expence to any the Counties Cities Towns Manors or Precincts within this Province] Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Justices of Westchester, Suffolk, Queens, Kings and Richmond Counties respectively to bind out such of his Majesty's Subjects commonly called Neutral French as have been removed from Nova Scotia to this Colony and distributed into the said Counties] Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said three Bills be read.

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Walton and Mr Miller with the Bill Entituled [An Act for enabling the surviving Executors of the last Will and Testament of Philip Van Cortlandt Esquire to sell and dispose of so much of the real Estate whereof he died seized as will be sufficient to pay his Debts] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Monday Afternoon 3 o clock.

Monday, the fifth day of July, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colo Beekman and Capt Winne with the Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to suppress and prevent the Counterfeiting of the Paper Currency of this Colony] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Dow and Capt Renselaer with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions Naval and Warlike Stores from the Colony of New York to Cape Breton or to any other the Dominions of the French King or Places at present in Possession of any of his Subjects] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to prohibit the sale of Rum or any other Strong Liquors to any Indian or Indians within the City or County of Albany, excepting at the Trading House at Oswego, and to prevent the buying exchanging or taking in Pawn of or from any of the said Indians any Arms Ammunition or Clothing]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enforce and render more effectual An Act entituled An Act to prevent vagrant and idle Persons from being a charge and Expence to any the Counties Cities Towns Manors or Precincts within this Province]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Justices of Westchester, Suffolk, Queens, Kings & Richmond Counties respectively to bind out such of his Majesty's Subjects commonly called Neutral French as have been removed from Nova Scotia to this Colony, and distributed into the said Counties] and

The Bill Entituled [An Act for enabling the surviving Executors of the last Will & Testament of Philip Van Cortlandt Esqr to sell and dispose of so much of the real Estate whereof he died seized as will be sufficient to pay his debts] be now read the second time.

Then the said four Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Afternoon 5 o clock.

Tuesday, the 6th day of July, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar brought to the Council a Message from his Excellency the Governor which being read was

Ordered to be entered and is in the words following vizt

Gentlemen,

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, by their Letter of the 20th of March last, having signified to me, that it appearing to them upon Consideration of the present state of Indian Affairs, that the extravagant Tracts of Land which have at different Times been granted to particular Persons. upon Pretence of Purchases made of the Six Nations, which they alledge to have been fraudulently obtained from them, has been one of the principal Causes of the Decline of our Interest with the said Nations, and that they cannot be induced to engage heartily and sincerely in the just and necessary Measures which his Majesty is compelled to take for the Recovery of his undoubted rights in America, until they have received full Satisfaction with Respect to this real Grievance, which they have so often and so strongly complained of. I am directed by their Lordships, to lay this Matter before you for your Consideration.

The Patents or Grants which the Indians principally complain of, and which they consider as most injurious to their Rights, are those commonly called Kayoderosseras, Connojohary, and that at the Oneida Carrying place, commonly called Oriskene, and if proper measures are taken to vacate and annul them, there will be little Reason to doubt but that the Six Nations will act in Conjunction with us against the French, with their whole united Strength.

As the most effectual Remedy for this great Evil, must be the Interposition of the Legislature, in passing a Law for vacating and annulling these exorbitant and fraudulent Patents, a Measure in which I cannot doubt of your Concurrence, as it will be so much for his Majesty's Service, for the Honour and Interest of the Province, and for the Advantage, Welfare and Security of the People, I therefore earnestly recommend it to your serious Consideration.

I send you for your Information Copies of several Conferences with the Indians on this Subject.

CHAS HARDY.

Fort George City of New York
the 6th July 1756.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to suppress and prevent the Counterfeiting of the paper Currency of this Colony] and the Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent the exportation of provisions, Naval and Warlike stores from the Colony of New York to Cape Breton or to any other the Dominions of the French King or places at present in possession of any of his subjects] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prohibit the sale of Rum or any other strong Liquors to any Indian or Indians within the City or County of Albany, excepting at the Trading House at Oswego, and to prevent the buying, exchanging or taking in pawn of or from any of the said Indians any Arms, Ammunition or Clothing] and the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Justices of Westchester, Suffolk Queens, Kings and Richmond Counties respectively, to bind out such of his Majesties subjects commonly called Neutral French as have been removed from Nova Scotia to this Colony and distributed into the said Counties. And after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the said two Bills *Ordered* a third reading.

The Speaker then left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for enabling the surviving Executors of the last Will and Testament of Philip Van Cortlandt, Esqr to sell and dispose of so much of the real Estate whereof he died seized as will be sufficient to pay his debts] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole house in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same with an Amendment, which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again read, and being agreed to

Ordered, that the amendment be engrossed, and that the Bill be read the third time as amended.

The Speaker then left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enforce and render more effectual An Act entituled An Act to prevent Vagrant and Idle persons from being a Charge and expence to any the Counties, Cities, Townes Manors or Precincts within this Province] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Murray Chairman of the Committee in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same with amendments, which amendments he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and being agreed to

Ordered to be engrossed. And the Bill

Ordered a third reading as amended.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Excellency which was read and

Ordered to be entered and is as follows

Gentlemen,

I Have ordered the account of the Commissaries of the Forces to be laid before you from which you will find it is necessary that more money should be lodged in their hands to enable them to carry on the publick service, and I recommend to you to make Provision accordingly.

As the Barracks already built at Albany and Schenectady will be insufficient to accommodate the number of Troops which will probably be quartered there during the winter, and this is the proper season for erecting others, I must recommend that you will make immediate Provision for so necessary an expence, that I may give the proper orders in due time for erecting such other Barracks as the General and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces shall apply to me to provide for the Kings Troops he may think fit to Quarter in this Province.

CHA^S HARDY.

Fort George New York
6 July 1756.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, the 7th day of July, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard and Mr Miller with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in America] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Thursday, the 8th day of July, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled [An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majestys Forces in America, be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker then left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and having gone through the same

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported, that the Council had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to enforce and render more effectual An Act entituled, An Act to prevent Vagrant and Idle persons from being a Charge and Expence to any the Counties, Cities, Towns, Manors or Precincts within this province] be now read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass as amended.

Ordered, that Mr Murray do carry back the said Bill to the General Assembly, with the Amendments made thereto by the Council and acquaint the House that the Council have passed the said Bill with those Amendments, to which they desire their Concurrence.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for enabling the surviving Executors of the last Will and Testament of Philip Van Cortlandt Esqr to sell and dispose of so much of the real Estate whereof he died seized as will be sufficient to pay his Debts] be now read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended. And

On the question being put,

Resolved that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers, do carry back the said Bill to the General Assembly with the amendment made thereto by the Council, and acquaint the House that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendment to which they desire their Concurrence.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act to prohibit the sale of Rum or any other strong Liquors to any Indian or Indians within the City or County of Albany, excepting at the trading House at Oswego, and to prevent the buying exchanging or taking in Pawn of or from any of the said Indians any arms ammunition or Clothing.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Justices of Westchester Suffolk Queens Kings and Richmond Counties respectively to bind out such of his Majesty's Subjects commonly called Neutral French as have been removed from Nova-Scotia to this Colony, and distributed into the said Counties] and

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in America] be now read the third time.

Then the said three Bills were read the third time and

On the Question being severally put.

Resolved that the said respective Bills do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Holland do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the two following Bills vizt the Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to suppress and prevent the Counterfeiting of the Paper Currency of this Colony] and

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions naval and warlike Stores from the Colony of New York to Cape Breton or to any other the dominions of the French King or places at present in Possession of any of his Subjects.]

The Committee having gone through the said Bills
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said two Bills and directed him to report them without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said two Bills be read the third time.
Then the said two Bills were read the third time and
On the Question being severally put,
Resolved, that the said respective Bills do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Richard and Capt Winne with the Bill intitled [An Act to enforce and render more effectual An Act entituled An Act to prevent Vagrant and idle persons from being a Charge and expence to any the Countys, Cities, Towns, Manors, or precincts within this province] and the Amendments made thereto by the Council, acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have agreed to the said amendments and desire that the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended accordingly as follows; by striking out the word *fifty* in line 27 and inserting the word *ten* in the room thereof, and by adding the following words after the word *pounds* in line 28 vizt [And if any person so neglected to be Reported to the Mayor of the said City as directed by the Act aforesaid, shall be a Foreigner, the Master of any Ship or Vessel so neglecting to make Report as aforesaid of such Foreigner, shall forfeit the sum of thirty pounds. And any Householder who shall entertain in his House or Family any such Foreigners and not make the same known to the Mayor of the said City within twenty four hours after he shall receive such Foreigner into his House or Family, shall forfeit the sum of five pounds the said respective Forfeitures.]

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Colo Lott with the Bill Entituled [An Act for enabling the surviving Executors of the last Will and Testament of Philip Van Cortlandt Esqr to sell and dispose of so much of the Real Estate whereof he died seized as will be sufficient to pay his Debts] and the amendment made thereto by the Council acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendment and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended accordingly as follows by inserting at the end of the 25th line of page 3 these words [saving nevertheless the right of his Majesty his heirs and successors, all Bodies Politick or Corporate and of all other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Act and those Claiming by from or under them.]

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o Clock.

Fryday, the 9th day of July, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFORD,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
His Excellency the Governor being Come to the Council Chamber
The Speaker left the Chair.
His Excellency sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House and they attending accordingly.
His Excellency in presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his assent to seven Bills the Titles whereof are as follow vizt.

An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prohibit the sale of Rum or any other strong Liquors to any Indian or Indians within the City or County of Albany excepting at the Trading House at Oswego and to prevent the Buying Exchanging or taking in Pawn of or from any of the said Indians any Arms Ammunition or Clothing.

An Act to enforce and Render more Effectual An Act Entitled An Act to prevent Vagrant and idle persons from being a Charge and expence to any the Counties Citys Towns Manors or precincts within this province.

An Act to empower the Justices of Westchester Suffolk Queens Kings and Richmond Counties respectively to bind out such of his Majesty's Subjects commonly called Neutral

French as have been removed from Nova Scotia to this Colony and distributed into the said Counties.

An Act more effectually to suppress and prevent the Counterfeiting of the paper Currency of this Colony.

An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent the Exportation of Provisions, Naval and Warlike Stores from the Colony of New York to Cape Breton or to any other the Dominions of the French King or places at present in possession of any of his Subjects.

An Act for the better apprehending and Securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in America, and

An Act for enabling the surviving Executors of the last Will and Testament of Philip Van Cortlandt Esquire to sell and dispose of so much of the Real Estate whereof he died seized as will be sufficient to pay his debts.

After which the said seven Acts were published in the usual manner, and his Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to Tuesday the 17th day of August next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIII., 61.]

By His Excellency

SIR CHARLES HARDY, Knight Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Tuesday* the *seventeenth* day of *August* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council hereby further prorogue the General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty first* day of *September* next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the City of *Albany* the *sixth* day of *August* 1756 in the *thirtieth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CHAS HARDY.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ASSEMBLY EIGHTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the twenty first day of* September 1756 *in the thirtieth year of the* Reign *of our* Soveraign Lord George *the* Second *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth.*

The General Assembly of the said Province having on the ninth day of July last been prorogued to the seventeenth day of August then next following and his Excellency Sir Charles

Hardy Knight Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province having by sundry Proclamations further prorogued the General Assembly to this day,

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Friday next at 10 o clock in the Morning.

Friday, the 24th day of September, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
EDWARD HOLLAND,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency the Governor being come to the Council Chamber, (the Speaker leaving the Chair) sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House. And they attending accordingly

His Excellency made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly ; and then his Excellency returned to the Fort.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read.

Then the same was read and

Ordered to be entered and is as follows vizt

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly.

Having during your Recess received Information. that the Enemy had made themselves Masters of Oswego, a Post of the highest Consequence to all these Colonies, as it not only covered the Six Nations of Indians from the Attempts of the French on that side, but by opening and keeping up an Intercourse between the English and those Nations, and their Allies, may be said to have been the source of the British Influence among them: I tho't it proper to call you together at this Time, that you might be ready to provide for any Emergency that should arise upon this Event.

His Majesty called upon by the repeated unwarrantable Incroachments of the French on his Territories, particularly in America, and the hostile Invasion of the Island of Minorca, hath at length been compelled to declare War against the French King, relying on the Help of Almighty God in so just an Undertaking, and the hearty Concurrence of his Subjects in so good a Cause. At this important Juncture, I cannot but congratulate you on the Arrival of the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun, whom his Majesty hath been pleased to appoint to the chief Command of all his Forces in North America; from whose Experience and Abilities in military Affairs, we may expect the most effectual and vigorous Measures will be taken for the Defence of these Colonies, and distressing the Enemy. And I shall rely on you, to enable me from Time to Time, to give him that Assistance, which the Exigency of Affairs may require.

Upon any sudden Emergency, the earliest and speediest Assistance that can be given, is by the Militia of Albany, and the Counties adjacent, and it being uncertain upon the first Intelligence of the Loss of Oswego, how far the Enemy might endeavour to penetrate into this Province, his Lordship called upon Sir William Johnson, who commands the Militia of Albany, for his Aid, who, agreeable to the standing Orders he has from me, directed 500 out of each of the Batalions, to march and join him at the German Flatts, to co-operate with his Majesty's Forces

in the Defence of that Part of the Country, the greater Number whereof did accordingly march but were very unwilling to stay, complaining of the Hardship of their being kept on Service, without any Allowance. I must therefore recōmend to you to make immediate Provision for a reasonable Compensation to them, when thus employed, that they may be ready to march on all Occasions with Alacrity.

I have his Majesty's Commands by Letter from one of his Principal Secretaries of State of the 18th of June last, to receive such French Prisoners as the Commanders of any of his Majesty's Ships shall apply to me to set on Shore in this Government: And I recommend to you, to make Provision for such Prisoners, as also, for those that are or may be brought in by private Ships of War.

As the Troops which his Majesty hath been pleased to order for the Defence of his Colonies, may occasionally pass through this Province, an early Provision should be made for Quartering them conveniently until they take the Field.

I have received and paid over to the Treasurer, the Sum of, £14,323. 15. 3 Sterling, the Balance of the £15.000 allotted by his Majesty to this Province, out of the Grant of, £115,000 made by Parliament, to be distributed to the Colonies of New England, New York and New Jersey, as a free Gift and Reward for their past Services, and an Encouragement to them to continue to exert themselves with Vigour, in the Defence of his Majesty's just Rights and Possessions. And agreeable to the King's Warrant now laid before you (with the other Papers sent therewith) the Treasurer hath given sufficient Security for the safe Custody of the Money, until it shall be disposed of for the publick Service by an Act of the Legislature. You will therefore consider, in what Manner this his Majesty's Bounty may be best applyed to answer the Intention of the Gift.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

In my Speech of the 3d of December last, I did, in Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, recommend the passing a proper Law for settling a permanent Revenue upon a solid Foundation for defraying the necessary and established Charges of Government: That such Law should be indefinite, and that Provision should be made therein for competent Salaries to the Captains General, and likewise to Judges, Justices, and other necessary and usual Officers of Government: which, with your Address to me, in Answer thereto, I transmitted to the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, and which their Lordships in their Letter to me of the 4th of March last, inform me they had laid before his Majesty, and that they had received his Majesty's Commands to signify to me, that as the present Assembly does not appear to be desirous of reviving the Claims and Pretentions of former Assemblies, and have declared that they do not mean to take upon them the executive Power of Government, belonging of right to his Majesty's Governor, and that as I had represented that they were well inclined to concur in every other Measure which might be proposed for his Majesty's Service, his Majesty is pleased, in Consideration thereof, to allow and permit me to assent to such Bills as the Assembly shall from Time to Time frame and pass for the Support of Government, provided they are in all other Respects conformable to his Majesty's Instructions to me, with Regard to the granting and disposing of publick Money. You will therefore proceed to the framing and passing a Bill for this Purpose, previous to any other, conformable to his Majesty's Pleasure: And here I cannot avoid observing to you, how inadequate the Salaries of his Majesty's Governor and the other Officers of Government, are to their Services, arising from the Difference in the present Value of the Currency, compared to what it was formerly.

I must desire you, Gentlemen, to provide for the other Services recommended. And as in time of War the Exigencies of Government greatly increase the publick Charge, it may be difficult to support the Credit of our Paper Currency, unless new Funds are established, and the growing Income thereof applied to the cancelling the Bills already made current, and what may be necessary to be struck on any future Emergency. I therefore earnestly recommend it to you to fall upon such as will be least burthensome to the People. A Stamp Duty, an Excise upon Tea, a Poll Tax on Negroes, and such others as the Inhabitants can bear with least Inconvenience.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The passing a Law for vacating and annulling those Grants of Land which I recommended to you in your last Session, is become more necessary now than ever, as your Attention to that Matter will be a convincing Proof to the Indians, of your Readiness to listen to their Complaints, and give them Redress, and cannot fail of having this good Effect, of holding and attaching them more firmly to the British Interest at this Critical Juncture, when their Service may be of great Use.

Unanimity and Dispatch, in all our publick Measures, are never more desirable than while we are contending with an Active and powerful Enemy. The present Posture of Affairs requires the most animated Resolutions; and I trust I shall find in you such as will place you in the most deserving Light to your King and Country.

CHAS HARDY.

Fort George New York
24th September, 1756.

Ordered, that his Excellencys Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Horsmanden then moved that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency by the Council to return his Excellency their hearty thanks for his Speech.

To express their grateful Resentment of his Excellency's unwearied Attention to the publick concerns of this Government; and to assure his Excellency that this House will chearfully concur in every Measure for providing for the publick services recommended in his Excellency's Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden, Mr Murray and Mr Rutherfurd be a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they do lay the same before the Council to Morrow Morning.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o'clock.

Saturday, the 25th day of September, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

James De Lancey,
Daniel Horsmanden,
Joseph Murray,
John Rutherfurd,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Excellency Reported that the Committee had prepared the same, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Draft in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being amended was agreed to and

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency was read and approved of and the Speaker

Ordered to sign the same. Which being signed accordingly

Ordered, that Mr Murray and Mr Rutherfurd do wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Council's Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned Reported that they had waited on his Excellency with the said Message, and that he had been pleased to appoint Monday next at 12 o'clock when he would be ready to receive the Councils Address.

The Council adjourned till Monday morning 11 o'clock.

Monday, the 27th day of September, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

James De Lancey,
Joseph Murray,
John Rutherfurd,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with

The Council went to the Fort to present the Councils Address to his Excellency and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Reported that having attended his Excellency and read and presented to him the Humble Address of the Council His Excellency had returned a favourable Answer thereto, which being read the Address and Answer were

Ordered to be entered in the minutes and are as follow viz[t]

To His Excellency Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and Vice Admiral of the same

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council for the Province of New York, return your Excellency our hearty thanks for your Speech, and cannot forbear at the same [time] expressing our sincere Acknowledgments of your Excellency's unwearied attention to the publick concerns of your Government ever since your Arrival. Your Excellency has with the justest reason called us together at this Critical time to make proper Provision for any Emergency which may arise upon the present conjuncture of Affairs.

As His most sacred Majesty called upon by the repeated unwarrantable encroachments of the French on his Territories, particularly in America, and the hostile Invasions of the Island of Minorca, hath at length been compelled to declare war against the French King, relying on the Help of Almighty God and the hearty concurrence of His Subjects: We trust from the Goodness of the Cause that his Majesty will not fail of the divine blessing on his Arms, and the most chearful concurrence of all his Subjects, particularly of those in these Northern Colonies who are so deeply concerned.

His Majesty having been graciously pleased to appoint The Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun to the Chief Command of all his Forces here, We have the greatest Reason to expect from his Experience and Abilities in Military Affairs, that the most effectual and vigorous Measures will be taken for the Defence of these Colonies and distressing the Enemy.

We assure your Excellency you may rely on our utmost endeavours to give that Assistance from time to time which the Exigency of Affairs may require, and that we will readily and chearfully concur in every Measure for providing for the publick services which you have been pleased to recommend.

We most gratefully acknowledge the Bounty of His Majesty and the Parliament of Great Britain in providing a sum of Money to alleviate the heavy Burthen of Expence these Northern Colonies have unavoidably sustained by the unjust and ambitious Projects of the French.

We are intirely of opinion with your Excellency that at this time the greatest attention should be paid to the Complaints of the Indians touching the Patents you have mentioned, and shall be ready to give full proofs of your Desire to redress them, that the Publick may reap the good Effects of attaching them more firmly to the British Interest at this critical Juncture, when their service may be of great use.

As unanimity and Dispatch in all our Publick Measures are never more desireable than while we are contending with An Active and powerful Enemy; and as we have the Pleasure to agree in Sentiments with your Excellency that the present posture of Affairs requires the most animated Resolutions, so we beg leave to assure your Excellency we will with the greatest chearfulness exert all our Abilities that your Excellency's confidence in us may not be disappointed, but that our Actions may place us in a deserving Light to our King and Country.

By order of the Council

Council Chamber New York
25th September 1756.

ARCH[D] KENNEDY, Speaker.

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen,

I return you my thanks for your Address.

The Assurances you have give me upon the present posture of the Publick Affairs cannot fail of placing you in the most favourable Light to His Majesty; are the strongest Proof of your Zeal for his service and your Regard to the Welfare of these Colonies.

It gives me great Satisfaction to find my Attention to the publick concerns of this Government meet with your Approbation, and you may be assured I shall at all times readily concur with you in promoting its true Interest and Prosperity.

CHA[S] HARDY.

Fort George New York
the 27th Septem[r] 1756.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

Then the Council adjourned to Wednesday the 6th of October next at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Wednesday, the 6th day of October, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH MURRAY,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Saturday Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 9th day of October, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT— *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplanck and Mr Filkin with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Mr Snedeker with the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Walton and Mr Verplank with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes from forty Shillings to five Pounds] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Mr Dupuy with the Bill Entituled [An Act for billeting and quartering such of his Majesty's Forces as may from time to time be ordered and directed to march through this Colony] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bills be read.
Then the said five Bills were read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned til Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the 11th day of October, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the five following Bills be now read the second time vizt
The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for granting to His Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven to the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight]

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled, An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try causes from forty shillings to five pounds] and

The Bill Entituled [An Act for billeting and quartering such of His Majesty's Forces as may from time to time be ordered and directed to march through this Colony.]

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Saturday next 11 o clock in the Forenoon.

Saturday, the 16th *day of October*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o clock in the Forenoon.

Tuesday, the 19th *day of October*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned til Friday the 29th Instant at 11 o clock in the Forenoon.

Friday, the 29th *day of October*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^{ble}* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty six] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Livingston and Mr Mynderse with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several officers of the Government from the first day of Septr in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty six to the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty seven] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Walton and Capt Renselaer with the Bill Entituled [An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp office in this Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bills be read.

Then the said Bills were read the first time &

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Beekman and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising and collecting several arrears of Taxes laid by several Acts of this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Col. Lott with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive the operations of An Act entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the cities of New York and Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Beekman and Mr Cruger with the Bill Entituled [An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the Genl Assembly by Mr Miller and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable Humphry Avory of the County of Suffolk to sell and dispose of his real Estate in the said County by way of Lottery for the Payment of his Debts] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the 29th day of October, 1756. P^t Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the three following Bills to wit.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes from forty shillings to five pounds] and

The Bill Entituled, [An Act for billeting & quartering such of His Majesty's Forces as may from time to time be ordered and directed to march through this Colony.]

And after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers Chairman of the said Committee in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said three Bills and directed him to report the two first mentioned of the said three Bills without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the said two Bills

Ordered a third reading.

Mr Chambers also Reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill Entituled [An Act for billeting and quartering such of his Majesty's Forces as may from time to time be ordered and directed to march through this Colony] and had made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the amendments were again read, and being agreed to were

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 30th day of October, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the following Bills be now read the second time, that is to say,

The Bill Entituled An Act for the Payment of the salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty six.

The Bill Entituled An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty six to the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven.

The Bill Entituled An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony for Stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned.

The Bill Entituled An Act for raising and collecting several arrears of Taxes laid by several Acts of this Colony.

The Bill Entituled An Act to revive the operations of An Act entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the Cities of New York and Albany.

The Bill Entituled An Act for laying An Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony] and

The Bill Entituled An Act to enable Humphrey Avory of the County of Suffolk to sell and dispose of his Real Estate in the said County by way of Lottery for the payment of his Debts.

Then the said seven Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday next 11 o clock in the Morning.

Wednesday, the 3d day of November, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 4th day of November, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from His Excellency by the Deputy Secretary, which was read and is in the words following.

Gentlemen,

As the season will soon oblige the Troops to go into Winter Quarters, I must recommend to you to make Provision for the subsistence of the Forces in the Pay of this Province, also for furnishing them with such warm Clothing and Necessaries as they may stand in need of.

I desire you will send me your Resolutions as early as possible, that I may give the proper orders.

Fort George New York CHAS HARDY.
4th November, 1756.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for billetting and quartering such of his Majesty's Forces as may from time to time be ordered and directed to march through this Colony] be now read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass as amended.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do carry back the Bill to the General Assembly with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, and acquaint the House that the Council have passed the Bill with those Amendments to which they desire their concurrence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to revive the operations of An Act entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the Cities of New York and Albany] And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again read, and being agreed to, was

Ordered to be Engrossed, and being Engrossed, the Bill was

Ordered to be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Murray do carry back the Bill to the General Assembly, with the amendment made thereto by the Council, and acquaint the House that the Council have passed the said Bill with that amendment to which they desire their concurrence.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock Pt Mer.

Tuursday, the 4th day of November, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Saturday Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 6th day of November, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Thursday next 11 o'clock A. M.

Thursday, the 11th *day of November*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow morning 10 o clock.

Friday, the 12th *day of November*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] be now read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved that the said Bill do pass.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Col. Gale with the Bill Entituled [An Act to repeal part of the several Acts therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Winne and Mr Dupuy with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive the operations of An Act entituled An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the Cities of New York and Albany] and the amendment thereto; acquainting the Council that the General Assembly agree to the said Amendment and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.
Then the said Bill was amended.
The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Saturday, the 13th *day of November*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Col Beekman with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery for this Colony the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds towards erecting a new Goal in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to repeal part of the several Acts therein mentioned] be now read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered, to be committed.
The Council adjourned til Monday morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the 15th *day of November*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill entituled [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery for this Colony the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds towards erecting a new Goal in the City of New York] be now read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty six] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty six to the first day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
A Message from his Excellency the Governor by Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary, which was read & is in the words following

Gentlemen,

His Excellency the Earl of Loudoun having demanded Quarters in this City for a Batalion of the Royal American Regiment, and his Lordship having informed me they were soon to embark from Albany, and part of them are already arrived and are now encamped: I have ordered the Barracks to be prepared and the Blockhouses to be fitted up for the Reception of as many men as can be quartered therein But as the whole number cannot be thus disposed of, it is necessary that Provision be made for the Remainder.

The Troops in the Barracks and Blockhouses must be provided with Fire, Candle Light and Beds, Articles of Expence included in that of Quarters.

I do therefore recommend to you to make immediate Provision for these necessary services that his Majesty's Troops may suffer no inconvenience for want of Quarters.

CHAS HARDY.

Fort George New York
15th November 1756.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow morning 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, the 16th *day of November*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to regulate the Collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven to the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house on the Bill entituled [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery for this Colony the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds towards erecting a New Goal in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole house, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Council adjourned till Friday morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the 19th *day of November*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enable Humphrey Avory of the County of Suffolk to sell and dispose of his real Estate in the said County by way of Lottery for the Payment of his Debts] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to repeal part of the several Acts therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned til Tuesday next at 4 o clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, the 23d *day of November*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Resolved, that a Conference be desired with the General Assembly on the subject Matter of the Bill Entituled [An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony for Stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned] And the Bill Entituled [An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony.]

Ordered that Mr Smith acquaint the General Assembly that the Council desire a Conference with that House on the Subject Matter of the said two Bills.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Lott and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York and for continuing An Act Entituled An Act to continue An Act entituled Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York with some additions thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Wednesday, the 24th *day of Novr*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr.

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Mr Thomas acquainting the Council in answer to their Message desiring a Conference with that House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for erecting & establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned] and the Bill Entituled [An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony] That the said Bills being Money Bills that House cannot consent to any Conference with the Council on the Subject Matters thereof.

Ordered that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York and for continuing An Act entituled An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York with some additions thereto] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered that the Bill Entituled [An Act to repeal part of the several Acts therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and also the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] without Amendment.

The Council adjourned till Friday next at 11 o clock A. M.

Friday, the 26th *day of November*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

James De Lancey,
Daniel Horsmanden,
Joseph Murray,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York and for continuing An Act entituled An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York with some Additions thereto] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered that the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven to the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery for this Colony the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds towards erecting a New Goal in the City of New York] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable Humphry Avory of the County of Suffolk to sell and dispose of his real Estate in the said County by way of Lottery for the Payment of his Debts] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Beekman and Col. Lott with the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing John Will, Gottlieb Wolhaupter, Hayman David, Mannel Josephson, Gershon Moses Levy, Benjamin Lyon, Jonas Solomon, Levy Hart, Johan Casper

Zincke, Johannes Kleyn, Myer Levy, Jacob Graaf, John Anderson, and John Brookes] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Walton and Col. De Lancey with the Bill Entituled [An Act to apply several Sums of Money for the Payment and Clothing of the Forces in the Pay of this Colony and for discharging the several publick Debts therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock Pt Meridiem.

Friday, the 26th day of November, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to apply several Sums of Money for the Payment and Clothing of the Forces in the Pay of this Colony and for discharging the several publick Debts therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o'clock.

Saturday, the 27th day of November, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency being come to the Council Chamber (the Speaker leaving the Chair) sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House; and they attending accordingly, His Excellency, in the presence of the Council and General Assembly, was pleased to give his Assent to the four Bills the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York and for continuing An Act entituled An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York with some Additions thereto.

An Act to repeal part of the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act to extend An Act entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons in the Cities of New York and Albany, to Debtors now under confinement within this Colony and

An Act to enable Humphrey Avory of the County of Suffolk to sell and dispose of his real Estate in the said County by way of Lottery for the Payment of his Debts.

Then the said Acts were published as usual and His Excellency returned to the Fort.

The Speaker resumed the Chair

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the 29th day of November, 1756. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Col Philipse with the Bill Entituled [An Act for appropriating the Monies raised by divers Lotteries for the erecting or founding a College within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, And the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign growth retailed within this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by vertue of An Act entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till 3 o'clock Pt Meridiem.

Monday, the 29th day of November, 1756. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty six] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty six to the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp office in this Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign growth retailed within this Colony] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts, and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without amendment: And as this Bill is of great consequence to several of his Majesty's subjects within this Province; and the prolonging the time for calling in and sinking Bills of Credit is against one of his Majesty's Instructions to his Governor of this Province; That the Council have appointed the Honoble James De Lancey Daniel Horsmanden, and William Smith Esqrs to be a Committee of the Council in order to prepare the Draft of a Representation to his Excellency the Governor, setting forth the Necessity and Utility of passing the said Bill at this time and the Reasons why they conceive Application should be made for Permission for further prolonging the said Act. And that the Council do desire the General Assembly will appoint a Committee of their House to meet the Committee of the Council to Morrow Morning at 10 o clock in the Council Chamber for that purpose.

The Speaker then left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to apply several sums of Money for the Payment and Clothing of the Forces in the Pay of this Colony, and for discharging the several publick Debts therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for appropriating the monies raised by divers Lotteries for erecting or founding a College within this Colony] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered, to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Murray from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill *Ordered* a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Walton and Col. Lot with the Bill Entituled [An Act for billeting and quartering such of His Majesty's Forces as may from time to time be ordered and directed to march through this Colony] with the amendments made thereto by the Council, acquainting the Council that the General Assembly agree to the said amendments, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended as follows.

The Title altered, and to stand thus [An Act for billeting and quartering His Majesty's Forces within this Colony.]

The Preamble in the Bill struck out, and the following inserted instead thereof

"WHEREAS His Majesty hath been graciously pleased to send and raise a considerable Body of Forces to be employed for the Defence and Protection of this and other his Colonies in North America; and a greater number of the said Troops are now actually, and may happen to be employed in this Colony, than can be quartered in the Barracks erected therein, for billeting and quartering of whom it is necessary Provision should be made."

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1	13	After the word [march] insert *into or*
	14	Leave out the words *in pursuance of such order*
	18	After the word [such] insert *Inns*
	21	Strike out the words *in their March*
	34	After [made] insert *by one or more credible Witness or Witnesses*
2	18	After [any] insert *Officer or*
2		Strike out the 20th Line and from thence to the word [the] in the 26th line, and instead thereof insert

[And to the End the Soldiers so to be billeted may be not imposed upon nor the Subject oppressed, Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Rate to be allowed and taken for every Officer or Soldier billeted by virtue of this Act, shall be fixed and ascertained by the respective Magistrates by whom such Billets shall be granted. And the Commanding Officer of the Company to which the Soldier or Soldiers so billeted shall respectively belong, shall respectively be accountable for the billeting Money due for the Men belonging to their respective Companies.]

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 9 o clock.

Tuesday, the 30th *day of November*, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cornell and Mr Snedeker acquainting the Council that that House have appointed Mr Cruger, Capt Walton, Col. De Lancey, Col. Lott and Captain Winne to be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council pursuant to the Council's Request of yesterday.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for appropriating the Monies raised by divers Lotteries for erecting or founding a College within this Colony] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

Mr Smith from the joint Committees of the Council and General Assembly Reported that the Committees had prepared the Draft of a Representation to his Excellency which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the Draft was again read and agreed to

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have agreed to the Draft of a Representation to his Excellency the Governor prepared by the joint Committees of both Houses.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Snedeker and Mr Mynderse acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have agreed to the Draft of a Representation to his Excellency the Governor prepared by the joint Committees of both Houses, and desire the same may be engrossed.

Ordered, that the said Representation be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Representation to his Excellency the Governor was read and approved of and *Ordered* to be signed by the Speaker, and being signed accordingly

Ordered, that Mr Smith do carry the same to the General Assembly in order to be signed by the Speaker of that House, and acquaint the House that the Council have appointed Mr Chambers and himself to wait on His Excellency the Governor with such Members as that House shall appoint, in order to lay before his Excellency the Humble Representation of the Council and General Assembly.

A Message from the General Assembly that the House have appointed Col. De Lancey, Captain Renselaer, Mr Seaman and Mr Mynderse in conjunction with the Gentlemen appointed by the Council, to wait on his Excellency the Governor in order to lay before his Excellency the Humble Representation of the Council and General Assembly.

Ordered, that the said Representation be entered in the minutes which is as follows vizt

To his Excellency Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble REPRESENTATION of the Council and General Assembly of the Colony of New York.

May it please your Excellency,

We the Council and General Assembly of the Colony of New York beg leave to represent to your Excellency, the great and absolute necessity there is, in the present distresful condition of this Colony, to Continue the Act entituled [An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony, and other purposes therein mentioned.]

1st Because the exacting the principal sums from the Debtors to the Loan Office at this time, will inevitably greatly distress numbers of his Majestys good subjects, perhaps to the total Ruin of their Estates, already greatly burthened with heavy Taxes for many years to come for supporting the expence already incurred by reason of the present War.

2dly Because a Revenue of eighteen hundred pounds per annum, arises from this Fund, for the support of his Majesty's Government, which cannot be raised any other way equally easy and agreable to the People of this Colony.

3dly Because the Credit of the Bills of that Emission cannot be impaired by the proposed continuance of the s^d Act, being lent out upon Land Security.

4thly Because it is only proposed to continue the Act for one year within which time his Majesty's pleasure can be fully known with respect to a further continuation thereof, which cannot be expected so soon as April next, the time limited by the Act now in being for the first Payment of the principal sums.

5thly Because it appears to us that it will be most for his Majesty's Service, and the Relief of this distressed Colony, under the Calamities of War, That the Bills of Credit on that Emission should be last called in to be cancelled of any that have been hitherto issued.

6thly Because if the present Bills should be sunk the Exigencies of this Colony could not be supplyed without another Emission instead thereof: all the Funds being exhausted, and his Majesty's Bounty in the Grant of £15,000 sterling to this Colony, therefore already in part applyed for the support of the Troops in its Pay.

These Reasons we hope will have sufficient Weight to induce your Excellency to give your assent to the Bill proposed for continuing the said Act. And we further beg that your Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioner for Trade and Plantations, in hopes that your Excellency may be left at Liberty to assent to a farther continuation of the said Act with a Division of the Periods of Payment of the principal sums into eight instead of four, which will be a very great Relief to his Majesty's subjects when they shall be called upon to pay in the said principal sums.

By order of the Council
ARCH^D KENNEDY, Speaker,
By order of the General Assembly
DAVID JONES, Speaker.

City of New York
30th November, 1756.

The Speaker put the Question Whether the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act Entituled An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes from forty shillings to five Pounds] should be now read the third time ?

Which passed in the Negative.

And then the Speaker put the Question whether the said Bill should be rejected or Not, Which passed in the Affirmative.
Resolved that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the first day of December, 1756.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JAMES DE LANCEY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOSEPH MURRAY,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Chambers and Mr Smith Reported that they had according to order, in conjunction with the Members appointed by the General Assembly waited on his Excellency the Governor and presented to him the Humble Representation of the Council and General Assembly.
The Speaker left the Chair and
His Excellency the Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary to require the immediate attendance of that House, and they attending accordingly,
His Excellency in the presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to the eleven Bills the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty six.

An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty six to the first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven.

An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned.

An Act for laying an Excise on all Tea of foreign growth retailed within this Colony.

An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of January One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven to the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight.

An Act further to continue the currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act entituled An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for billeting and quartering His Majesty's Forces within this Colony.

An Act to apply several sums of Money for the Payment and Clothing of the Forces in the Pay of this Colony and for discharging the several publick Debts therein mentioned.

An Act for raising by a Publick Lottery for this Colony the sum of One thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds towards erecting a new Goal in the City of New York.

An Act for appropriating the Monies raised by divers Lotteries for erecting or founding a College within this Colony.

After which the said Acts were published as usual, and his Excellency and the Council and General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to the second Tuesday in January next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIII., 169.]

By his Excellency

Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories Depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same,

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Tuesday* the *eleventh* day of *January* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service further to prorogue And I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council hereby further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *eighth* day of *February* next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirtieth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord 1756 and in the *thirtieth* year of his Majesty's Reign.

CHA^S HARDY.

By his Excellency Command
Gw Banyar, *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIV., 19.]

By his Excellency

Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same,

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Tuesday* the *eighth* day of *February* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to appoint and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council hereby appoint and ordain that the said General Assembly do meet on the day above mentioned in the Town of *Flatbush* in *Kings County* on *Nassau Island*, then and there to proceed to the dispatch of business; of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein, are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *eleventh* day of *January* one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven in the *thirtieth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith.

CHA^S HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar, *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIV., 27.]

By his Excellency

Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Tuesday* the *eighth* day of *February* Instant I have thought fit for His Majesty's Service further to prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fifteenth* day of *February* Instant, then to meet in the Town of Flatbush in Kings County on Nassau Island, to proceed to the Dispatch of Business: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *seventh* day of *February* one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven in the thirtieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CHA^S HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR, *D Cl Con.*

TWENTY-SEVENTH ASSEMBLY NINTH SESSION.

At *a* Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York *begun and holden at* Flatbush *in* Kings County *on* Nassau Island *on* Tuesday *the fifteenth day of* February 1757 *in the thirtieth year of the* Reign *of our* Soveraign Lord George *the* Second *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King, Defender *of the* Faith, *and so forth.*

The General Assembly having on the first day of December last, been prorogued to the second Tuesday in January then next following: And His Excellency Sir Charles Hardy Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, having by sundry Proclamations further Prorogued the General Assembly to this day to meet in this Town

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the sixteenth day of February, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council went to his Excellency's Residence where being met His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly, and they attending accordingly.

His Excellency made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly And then the Council returned to the Council Chamber; where being met

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that his Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, of which his Excellency had delivered to him a Copy, which he delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read.

Then the Speech was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

I cannot open this Session, without acquainting you that his Majesty has ordered a Reinforcement of his Troops to North-America, many of whom are landed in this Province, and some in the neighbouring Colonies. This fres hInstance of his Majesty's Concern for these Colonies, will I doubt not excite suitable Dispositions in all his American Subjects, and lead them chearfully to grant that Aid which it is so apparently their own Interest to contribute towards distressing the common Enemy.

The Right Hono^ble the Earl of Loudoun hath informed me, by Letter of the 31st ultimo, from Boston, that he demanded a Number of Men of the four New-England Governments, to act in Conjunction with his Majesty's regular Forces, and that he has no Reason to doubt their agreeing to it. The Ineffectualness of our Measures the last Year, and the Advances the Enemy have made upon us, evince the Necessity of a vigorous Assistance on our Part: and from the Proofs I have had of your Affection to his Majesty, and of your Zeal for the Support of the common Cause, I perswade my self you will not fail to furnish the Quota of Men demanded of you, and thus strengthen the Hopes of Success, we may reasonably conceive from an able and experienced Direction of his Majesty's Forces, attended with the divine Blessing on his Arms. The Season requires that no Time be lost, and, I must press you, to be early in your Resolutions, that I may give the necessary Orders as soon as possible.

Soon after my coming to the Government, I recommended a Provision to be made for defraying the Expence of his Majesty's Commissions for determining the Controversies with New Jersey and Massachusets Bay concerning their Boundaries, the unsettled State of which, hath already been productive of much Mischief, and is an Evil daily increasing, a recent Instance of which I am informed happened in the Manor of Livingston, where a Number of riotous Persons were assembled together, and in opposing the Sherif in the Execution of his Office, kill'd a poor Man whom the Sherif had call'd to his Assistance. As no such Provision has yet been made and the R^t Hono^ble the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, are of Opinion, that the only proper and effectual Method of determining these Disputes, will be by a Commission in the Nature of that, upon which the Limits between the Massachusets Bay and New Hampshire were setled, I have their Lordships repeated Directions, to recommend it again to your Consideration, and to acquaint you that as this is a Matter of high Concernment to the Peace and Quiet of Government, and the Lives and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects. His Majesty does expect that you will forthwith make a proper Provision for the Expence of such Commissions, that there may be no further Delay in a Matter of so great Importance.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I earnestly recommend to you to consider of the most effectual and speedy Methods for raising the Supplies for these necessary Services. I have ordered Estimates to be laid before you of the Expence of supporting the Quota of Men for this Province, and the Necessaries wanting to equip them for taking the Field.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

In my Speech to you of the 24th of September last, I repeated the Necessity of the Legislatures interposing in the Case of those exorbitant Grants of Lands complained of by the Indians as fraudulent. I cannot avoid mentioning this again to you, and recommending it to your Consideration; the passing a Law for vacating and annulling such Grants appearing to me not only a just and necessary Measure, as by redressing this real Grievance of those People, we may give a happy Turn to our Negotiations with them, and induce them to throw in their whole Weight to our Assistance.

These are the principal Matters, I have to lay before you, for your present Consideration, and I hope you will proceed on them with Unanimity and Dispatch.

CHAs HARDY.

Flatbush Kings County
16th February 1757.

Ordered, that His Excellency's Speech be printed.

Mr Horsmanden moved that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency by this House in Answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden and Mr Smith do prepare and bring in the Draft of the said Address by to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Thursday, the 17th *day of February*, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Horsmanden read and then presented the Draft of an Address to his Excellency, which was again read and being amended, was agreed to and

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to His Excellency the Governor was read and approved of and

Ordered to be signed by the Speaker, and the Speaker having signed the same

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden and Mr Smith wait on his Excellency to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Councils Address, who being returned Reported that his Excellency had appointed immediately.

Then the Speaker left the Chair and with

The Council went to present their Address to his Excellency and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported, that having attended his Excellency and presented to him the Council's Address, His Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, and the Answer being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow:

To His Excellency Sir CHARLES HARDY Knt Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York & the Territories depending thereon in America and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Excellency

We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of the Province of New York return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your Speech.

With the deepest sense of Gratitude we receive this fresh Instance of his Majesty's concern for these Colonies in ordering so seasonable an Aid to their Assistance, which cannot fail to excite suitable Dispositions in all his American Subjects, Your Excellency will find in us such as will demonstrate our Affection to His Majesty the best of Kings, and our Zeal for the support of the common cause.

The Necessity of this Colony's exerting itself, and entering into every proper Measure for annoying the Enemy is great and apparent; and we shall use our Endeavours that this be done

in the most effectual manner to give further weight to those Expectation of Success, which with the divine Blessing, we have Reason to hope for, from an Able and experienced Direction of His Majesty's Forces.

The Evils daily felt by the Borderers of this Province towards New Jersey, and the Massachusets-Bay, amidst such various claims of Limits shew the Expediency and Utility of an Application to his Majesty to have these Disputes finally adjusted. But as new Disorders may arise before such Settlement can be effected, even in the regular and legal Course Pointed out in your Excellency's Speech: We humbly hope your Excellency will represent to the R^t Hono^ble the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, the Necessity of His Majesty's immediate Interposition, by fixing temporary Lines until a final Settlement, to prevent those Mischiefs which we fear will otherwise befall many of His Majesty's good Subjects. Such a Line, very advantageous to the Province of the Massachusets Bay, was offered to their Commissioners at Albany in 1754, by which this Province, merely for the Sake of Present Peace, yielded two thirds of a Tract of Land granted now above fifty years ago. As to the late Instance of a Person killed in assisting the Sherif executing a legal Process, We cannot avoid observing to your Excellency that the Manor of Livingston, where it happened, is held by a Grant more ancient than the Charter to the Massachusets Bay, now in force. And we apprehend that all the late disorders on that side, have arisen from the unwarrantable and unreasonable claim of that Government, in extending their Limits or Charter through a principal part of this Province to the South Sea.

We shall as soon as the more important business of the Session is finished, take into our serious consideration the Complaints of the Indians in the case of those Grants of Land mentioned by your Excellency, and do therein what shall appear to us to be just and reasonable in a matter of so interesting a Nature.

We cannot leave you, Sir, before we express our grateful sense of that distinguish'd Zeal in your Excellency for His Majesty's service and the Interests of this and his Majesty's other Colonies so clearly manifested through the whole course of your Administration.

By order of the Council
JAMES DE LANCEY, Speaker.

Flatbush, Kings County
17th January 1757.

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this kind Address.

The just sense you have of his Majesty's Affectionate concern for these Colonies, and your Resolutions, which demonstrate your Loyalty to his Majesty, and your Zeal in promoting the true Interests of these Countries, cannot fail of meeting his Majesty's gracious Acceptance.

I have been so sensible of the Evils arising from the unsettled state of the Limits between this Province, and the Governments of the Massachusets-Bay and New Jersey, that I have already represented this Matter to the Right Hono^ble the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations; and you may be assured I shall not cease using my Endeavours to put an End to those Mischiefs, which so frequently happen on our Borders.

It is a real satisfaction to me, that you have so favourable an opinion of my Administration, and I shall at all times, place the greatest confidence in your Advice and Assistance.

CHA^S HARDY.

Flatbush 17th February 1757.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Wensday the 23^d Instant at 11 o clock in the forenoon.

Wednesday, the 23^d *day of February*, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DAVID HORSMANDEN,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^o Beekman and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in North America with an Addition thereto] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Walton and Captn Winne with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to enable the Creditors of Insolvent Debtors who are willing to give up their Effects to dispose of the same for the Benefit of the Creditors, and to release the said Debtors from Confinement] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o'clock.

Thursday, the 24th day of February, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Mr Snedeker with the Bill Entituled [An Act for applying several sums of Money for the Payment and Clothing of the Forces to be furnished by this Colony to act in Conjunction with his Majesty's regular Troops and those of the Neighbouring Colonies against the Subjects of the French King and for providing other Necessaries requisite for the said Forces] desiring the Council's concurrence thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive an Act Entituled An Act for the better apprehending & securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in North America with an addition thereto] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, [An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act to enable the Creditors of Insolvent Debtors who are willing to give up their Effects to dispose of the same for the Benefit of the Creditors and to release the said Debtors from Confinement] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Friday, the 25th *day of February*, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colo Beekman and Captn Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act to limit and ascertain the Rates to be taken for Carriages imployed or impressed in his Majesty's Service in this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Walton and Mr Snedeker with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the speedy and effectual recruiting the Forces to be furnished by this Colony to act in Conjunction with his Majesty's regular Troops and those of the Neighbouring Colonies against the Subjects of the French King] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in North America with an addition thereto] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to enable the Creditors of Insolvent Debtors who are willing to give up their Effects to dispose of the same for the Benefit of the Creditors and to release the said Debtors from Confinement] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for applying several sums of Money for the Payment and Clothing of the Forces to be furnished by this Colony to act in conjunction with his Majesty's regular Troops and those of the Neighbouring Colonies against the Subjects of the French King and for providing other Necessaries requisite for the said Forces] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of And the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Lott and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Mr Miller with the Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating the Pilots, and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other the purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 5 o clock Post Meridiem.

Friday, the 25th *day of February*, 1757. Pt M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act to limit and ascertain the Rates to be taken for Carriages employed or impressed in his Majesty's Service] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for the speedy and effectual recruiting the Forces to be furnished by this Colony to act in conjunction with his Majesty's Regular Troops and those of the neighbouring Colonies against the Subjects of the French King] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other the purposes therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 9 o clock.

Saturday, the 26th *day of February,* 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honoble* JAMES DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for applying several sums of Money for the Payment and Clothing of the Forces to be furnished by this Colony to act in conjunction with his Majesty's Regular Troops and those of the neighbouring Colonies against the subjects of the French King and for providing other necessaries requisite for the said Forces] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the question being put,

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for the speedy and effectual recruiting the Forces to be furnished by this Colony to act in Conjunction with his Majesty's regular Troops and those of the Neighbouring Colonies against the subjects of the French King] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act Entituled An Act to limit and ascertain the rates to be taken for Carriages imployed or impressed in his Majesty's Service] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other the purposes therein mentioned] be now read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any amendment.

His Excellency the Governor being come to the Council Chamber (the Speaker leaving the Chair) sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House. And the House attending accordingly

His Excellency in the presence of the Council and General Assembly, was pleased to give his Assent to seven Bills the Titles whereof are as follow viz

An Act for applying several sums of Money for the Payment and Clothing of the Forces to be furnished by this Colony to act in conjunction with his Majesty's regular Troops, and those of the neighbouring Colonies against the Subjects of the French King, and for providing other Necessaries requisite for the said Forces.

An Act for the speedy and effectual recruiting the Forces to be furnished by this Colony to act in conjunction with his Majesty's Regular Troops and those of the neighbouring Colonies against the Subjects of the French King.

An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for the better apprehending and Securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in North America with an Addition thereto.

An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act to limit and ascertain the Rates to be taken for Carriages employed or impressed in his Majesty's service in this Colony.

An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York.

An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act to enable the Creditors of Insolvent Debtors who are willing to give up their Effects to dispose of the same for the Benefit of the Creditors, and to release the said Debtors from Confinement.

After which the said Acts were published and his Excellency and the Council & General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber His Excellency was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House to Tuesday the 29th day of March next.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till the 29th day of March next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIV., 45.]

By His Excellency

SIR CHARLES HARDY, Knight Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty ninth* day of *March* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twelfth* day of *April* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty sixth* day of *March* one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven in the *thirtieth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CHAS HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D. Secry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIV., 52.]

By his Excellency

Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twelfth* day of *April* Instant. I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty sixth* day of *April* Instant Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *ninth* day of *April* one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven in the *thirtieth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CHAS HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIV., 50.]

By his Excellency

Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty sixth* day of *April* Instant: I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *tenth* day of *May* next ensuing. Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty fifth* day of *April* 1757 in the *thirtieth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CHA^S HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVI., 65.]

By his Excellency

Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Rear Admiral of the Blue Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *tenth* day of *May* Instant. I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty fourth* day of *May* Instant: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *ninth* day of *May* 1757 in the *thirtieth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CHA^S HARDY.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIV., 77.]

By his Excellency

Sir CHARLES HARDY Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Vice Admiral of the same and Rear Admiral of the Blue Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty fourth* day of *May* Instant. I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and

with the advice of his Majesty's Council adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *seventh* day of *June* next ensuing. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty third* day of *May* 1757 in the *thirtieth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CHA^S HARDY.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIV., 83.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of the *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *seventh* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for His Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty first* day of *June* Instant Of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *third* day of *June* 1757, in the thirtieth year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIV., 99.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty first* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fifth* day of *July* next of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twentieth* day of *June* 1757 in the *thirtieth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By his Honours Command
GW BANYAR *D. Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIV., 118.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *fifth* day of *July* next, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *nineteenth* day of *July* next of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirtieth* day of *June* 1757 in the *thirty first* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
Gw Banyar, *D. Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIV., 127.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *nineteenth* day of *July* Instant. I have thought fit for His Majestys service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *second* day of *August* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixteenth* day of *July* 1757 in the *thirty first* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D. Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIV., 135.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *second* day of *August* next, I have thought fit for his Majesties service to adjourn and I do by and

with the advice of his Majesty's Council adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *sixteenth* day of *August* next Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirtieth* day of *July* 1757 in the *thirty first* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIV., 146.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *sixteenth* day of *August* Instant I have thought fit in pursuance of the Advice of His Majesty's Council to adjourn and I do hereby adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *thirtieth* day of *August* Instant Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the City of *Albany* the *tenth* day of *August* 1757 in the thirty first year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXV., 5.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America.*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *thirtieth* day of *August* Instant I have thought fit with the advice of his Majesty's Council to adjourn and I do hereby adjourn the said General Assembly to *Wednesday* the *thirty first* day of *August* Instant then to meet at *Harlem* in the Out ward of this City to proceed on Business. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty second* day of *August* 1757 in the *thirty first* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

Haerlem in the Outward of the City of New York, Wednesday the thirty first day of August, 1757.

The General Assembly being on the 26th day of February last adjourned to the 29th day of March following, and having by divers Proclamations from time to time since published been further adjourned to this day to meet at Haerlem aforesaid
The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Friday next 11 o clock A. M.

Friday, the 2d day of September, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor which being read was
Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows vizt

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

His Majesty having been pleased to prefer his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy to the Rank of Rear Admiral in his Fleet, and having permitted and allowed him to resign this Government agreable to his own Request, on his Departure the Administration devolved on me, as Lieutenant Governor of this Province; soon after which, apprehending a Visit from the Enemy on our Northern Frontier, I thought it necessary to take all the Measures in my Power to strengthen General Webb; and for this Purpose, I sent out my Orders to the Colonels of the Militia of Albany, Dutchess, Ulster, and that part of Orange above the Mountains, to march with their Regiments to the Assistance of General Webb, upon his Requisition, and to obey his Orders, of Orders, of which I gave him Notice by Letter.

In the night of the 3d of August last, I received a Letter from General Webb, of the 30th July, advising me that the Enemy were within twelve Miles of Fort William Henry; that he should immediately call in the Troops at the different Posts on Hudson's River, and give Orders for the Militia of the Counties to march, and desiring my Presence at Albany, to forward them. I set out for that Place on the 5th, which was as soon as I possibly could, and arrived there the 8th: on the 10th I had Advice of the Surrender of Fort William Henry; and as it was reasonable to think the Enemy with so formidable an Army and such a Train of Artillery, as they were said to have, would endeavour to penetrate farther into this Country, I sent Orders for a Detachment of 500 Men from the City of New-York, 600 from Queen's County, and the Whole Militia of Westchester to march up; and I had the Satisfaction to hear that those of the City of New-York, and Westchester, shew'd a very becoming Spirit on this Occasion. Those above the Highlands had march'd in Consequence of my former Orders, on General Webb's Requisition, and many proceeded to Fort Edward, but after a short Stay General Webb informed me, that all the Militia, except those of the County of Albany, had deserted in a mutinous Manner; I did all I could to stop them but with little Success. This Step, whether arising from Cowardice or Disgust, or whatever other Motive, deserves a very severe Animadversion, more especially as it was taken at a time when the Enemy were still at Fort William Henry, only fourteen Miles distant from Fort Edward, the most advanced Post we had in that Quarter of the Country. I shall order a strict Enquiry to be made into the Behaviour of the Militia, and Cause the Law to be put in Execution against all Delinquents.

I left Albany the 21st, and as soon as I came to New-York, I directed circular Letters to be sent to call you together as soon as possible; one of the Reasons of which was to recommend to you the compleating the Regiments in the Pay of this Province with the utmost Speed, General Webb having also wrote to the other Governments to compleat theirs, as the Troops under his Command were very much lessened. This was a Measure apparently necessary at

that time, but as his Excellency the Rt Honoble the Earl of Loudoun, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in North-America, is since arrived here with a Body of Troops, the Necessity of this Measure ceases. I have confer'd with his Lordship on this Subject, and he is of Opinion, there is no Occasion now to put the Province to this Expence, as he is not desirous they should be burthened with any Charge, but when his Majesty's Service and their own Safety require it.

The other reason of my calling you, is to recommend to you a further Provision for the Subsistance of the New York Regiment. These were the only Matters I had to lay before you for your Consideration, at this time, leaving the other necessary Business of the Province, to be done at a more convenient Season.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
2d September 1757.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the third day of September, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having directed the General Assembly to adjourn themselves to Tuesday the fourth day of October next The Council therefore adjourned to the said fourth day of October at 11 o clock in the Forenoon.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXV., 18.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *fourth* day of *October* instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *Eighth* day of *November* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *October* 1757 in the *thirty first* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXV., 37.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *eighth* day of *November* instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty second* day of *November* instant. Of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *November* 1757 in the *thirty first* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
Gw. Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXV., 40.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America.*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty second* day of *November* instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *sixth* day of *December* next then to meet in the Out Ward of the City of *New York* in order to proceed upon Business Of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fifteenth* day of *November* 1757 in the *thirty first* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth

JAMES De LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

City Hall, in the City of New York, Tuesday, the sixth day of December, 1757.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having by sundry Proclamations published from time to time, been pleased to adjourn the General Assembly from the fourth day of October last to this day to meet in the Outward of the City of New York.

The Council met at the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 7th day of December, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor which being read was

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows:

Gentlemen,

I Have delayed calling you together till this Time, in Expectation of receiving Directions from his Majesty, to lay before you, as to the Part he expected this Province should bear in any future Operations; and I was also in hopes the Small-Pox would have been so far abated, as to admit of your sitting at the usual Place. But as it is still in some Parts of the City, I judged the Out-ward would be the most convenient.

The Matters I have now to recommend to you are,

The Support of his Majesty's Government; for which I doubt not you will make further Provision, and frame your Bills in such Manner, as I may find no Difficulty in giving my Assent to them.

The Enemy Indians having made Incursions into the Counties of Ulster and Orange, and murdered some of the Inhabitants, I ordered Detachments from the Militia, to be employed on the Scout to protect the Setlers, promising to recommend their Service to you, at your next Meeting, which I now do. I also, on repeated Applications from thence, gave Orders to have a Line of Blockhouses built, more effectually to secure that Part of the Country, and to encourage the Inhabitants to stay, and not abandon their Settlements. That Frontier is now, and has for some Time, been guarded by Troops posted there by the Earl of Loudon's Orders; but when his Majesty's Service in the next Season, shall call for those Troops thence, it will become necessary to place others there in the Pay of the Province, least that Part of the Country be otherwise destroyed by the French and their Savages. For this Expence, Provision should be made, as also for the Payment of other Debts accrued for the Service of the publick, and for the Maintainance of French Prisoners of War.

I have retained two Companies of Rangers out of the Regiment in the Pay of this Province, for whose subsistance you will make Provision; the Rest where disbanded as soon as his Majesty's Service would admit of it.

At the Request of the Corporation of the City of New-York, I have, with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, drawn for £2,000 out of the Fortification Fund, to be applyed to the Purpose of building Barracks for the Use of the King's Troops, which Sum the Corporation have engaged to replace.

The bad Consquences arising from the immoderate Use of spirituous Liquors among the King's Troops, is a Matter deserving your Consideration, and requires some proper Law to regulate or restrain the Retailer.

The Act for inspecting Flour is near expiring: The Reputation that Commodity hath acquired since the passing this Law, is a sufficient Evidence of its Utility, and that it ought to be continued. And if Beef, Pork, and Butter, which are also staple Commodities of this Province, were put under the like Regulations, it would greatly add to their Credit abroad.

The Militia Laws being near expiring, you will find it necessary to continue them, with such Alterations and Amendments as shall be judg'd expedient from the Inconveniences which have arisen. And I think it highly proper to add a Clause, subjecting all Fire Arms to Inspection, Numbers of very bad foreign Arms having of late been imported. The Acts laying an Excise upon Tea, and a Stamp Duty, which will soon expire, should be also further continued.

The Situation this and his Majesty's Colonies are in by the Distresses of War, calls upon you to think of all Methods for raising Money to defray the publick Expences. I shall point out two, which at the same Time that they are not Burthensome, will be accompanyed with great Advantages to the Publick. The one is a Poll Tax on Slaves. The other a Duty of Tonnage on all Vessels not built in this Province, or in Great-Britain. The first will naturally tend to Introduce white Servants, which will augment the Strength of the Country; besides, the Price of Labour is now become so high, and hence the Owners of Slaves reap such Advantage, that they cannot reasonably complain of a Tax on them. The second will tend to promote Ship Building, and encourage Shipwrights and other Artificers to settle among us, to the great Emolument of the Publick.

Whatever other Bills you prepare for the Advancement of his Majesty's Service, and the Welfare of the Province, you will find me ready to give my Assent to.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

Fort George New York
7th December 1757.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the 13th *day of December,* 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Beekman and Mr Janse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in the Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colo Philipse and Mr Miller with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to regulate the guaging of Rum Brandy and other distill'd Liquors and Molasses and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Winne and Mr Mynderse with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several duties and Impositions on Goods Wares & Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Winne and Mr Du Puy with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplanck and Mr Mynderse with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the two Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia of New York with an addition thereto] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Mathew with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes to the value of five pounds and under, And for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said six Bills be read.

Then the said six Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned til Thursday next at 4 o clock in the Afternoon.

Thursday, the 15th *day of December*, 1757. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono.* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. De Lancey and Mr Du Puy with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Mr Verplanck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Mynderse and Mr Vanderveer with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for Billetting and quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Walter and Mr Mynderse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign growth retailed within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said four Bills be read.

Then the said four Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the 16th *day of December*, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the following Bills be read the second time vizt

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to regulate the guaging of Rum Brandy and other distill'd Liquors and Molasses and other purposes therein mentioned.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false taring of Bread and flour Cask.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for Regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the two Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia of New York with an Addition thereto] and

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes to the value of five pounds and under, and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned.]

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of

the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, desiring he would be pleased to inform the Council, whether he hath received his Majesty's Directions, as to the passing An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted, by virtue of An Act passed in the eleventh year of his Majesty's Reign, entituled [An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] or whether he knows if his Majesty's pleasure on that Head was signifyed to his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy Knight before he left this Province.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden and Mr Chambers do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor with the said Address.

Ordered, that the three following bills be now read the second time vizt

The Bill Entituled, An Act to regulate the Collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retail'd in this Colony from the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine.

The Bill Entituled, An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for billeting and quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony. And

The Bill Entituled, An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for laying An Excise upon all Tea of foreign growth retailed within this Colony with an Addition thereto.

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Monday next at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Monday, the 19th *day of December*, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Horsmanden Reported that himself and Mr Chambers had waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of the Council, desiring he would be pleased to inform the Council whether he had received his Majesty's Directions as to the passing An Act further to continue the currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act passed in the eleventh year of his Majesty's Reign Entituled [An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] or whether he knew if his Majesty's Pleasure on that Head was signifyed to his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy Knight before he left this Province And that his Honour said he had not received any Instructions as to that Matter, nor did he know whether Sir Charles Hardy received any before his Departure.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. De Lancey and Mr Verplanck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery for this Colony the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds towards finishing a new Goal in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Mr Janse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and Collect the sum of fifty pounds in the City and County of New York for services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Mynderse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to raise a sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred pounds for erecting Barracks for His Majesty's Troops, providing them with Firewood and Candles and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Tuesday, the 20th *day of December*, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of fifty pounds in the City and County of New York for services performed by the Coroner of the said City & County] be now read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole house in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report it without any Amendment.
Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery for this Colony the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds towards finishing a new Goal in the City of New York] and
The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to raise a sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred Pounds for erecting Barracks for his Majesty's Troops, providing them with Firewood & Candles and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the second time.
Then the said two Bills were read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to regulate the guaging of Rum Brandy and other distill'd Liquors and Molasses and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the same and directed him to report the said Bill without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill *Ordered* a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill *Ordered* a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the two Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia of New York with an addition thereto] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill *Ordered* a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine] And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill *Ordered* a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for billeting and quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill *Ordered* a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for laying An Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony, with an Addition thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill *Ordered* a third Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 21st *day of December*, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Council being informed that Mr Richard Morris was attending without, and had some matter to lay before this House, He was called in and presented to the House a Petition of sundry Persons, being all Officers, or Practicers of the Law in the Inferior Courts of this Province in behalf of themselves and others, setting forth that the Petitioners are informed, that there is a Bill depending before this Honourable House, in order to give a perpetual Jurisdiction to Justices within this Province to try Causes of Debt or Damages where the Matter in demand or the thing in controversy does not exceed five Pounds. And that the Petitioners do conceive that the said Bill should it pass into a Law would be vastly detrimental to the Province in general, and to the Interest of the Petitioners in particular. And therefore praying a copy of the said Bill and that they may be heard by themselves and Council before this House against the same.
Mr Morris withdrawing and the Council taking the said Petition into consideration
Ordered, that the Petitioners have leave to take a copy of the Bill, and to be heard by themselves and Council against the same on a day to be appointed by this House at their first Meeting after the Holidays, and that in the mean time the Petitioners file their Reasons against the passing of the said Bill with the Clerk of this House.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o'clock.

Thursday, the 22d *day of December*, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned] be now read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to regulate the guaging of Rum, Brandy and other distill'd Liquors and Molasses and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false taring of Bread and Flour Cask] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the two Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia of New York with an Addition thereto] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Rutherfurd do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for billeting and quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony with an Addition thereto] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of fifty Pounds in the City and County of New York for services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery for this Colony the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five Pounds towards finishing a new Goal in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that Oliver De Lancey Esqr do with all convenient speed lay before this House an Account on Oath of all Moneys received and expended by him for the use of the Forces employed in his Majesty's service in the Pay of this Province during the time he acted as Commissioner for providing Necessaries for the said Forces in the years 1755 and 1756, distinguishing the several Expences under their proper Heads, such as Arms, Clothing, Necessaries, Provisions, Transportation, Carriage &c^{a}.

Ordered, that Philip Schuyler and John De Peyster Esq^{rs} late Commissaries and Paymasters of the Forces in the Pay of this Province, do with all convenient speed lay before this House the Monthly Muster Rolls of the Officers and effective Men employed in his Majesty's service, in the Pay of this Province, during the time the said Commissaries and Paymasters acted in those Offices, in the years 1755 and 1756: as also an Account on Oath of all Moneys received and expended by them for the use of the said Forces during the same time, distinguishing the several expences under their proper Heads, such as Pay, Clothing, Necessaries, Provisions, Transportation Carriage &c^{a}.

Ordered, that Oliver De Lancey, John Cruger and Beverley Robinson Esq^{rs} Commissaries and Paymasters of the Forces in the Pay of this Province, do with all convenient speed lay before this House, the Monthly Muster Rolls of the Officers and effective Men employed in His Majesty's Service in the Pay of this Province, from the time the said Oliver De Lancey, John Cruger and Beverly Robinson were appointed to the said Offices in the year 1756 until the first day of December Instant. As also an Account on Oath of all Moneys received and expended by them for the use of the said Forces during the same time, distinguishing the several expenses under their proper Heads such as Pay, Clothing, Arms, Provisions, Necessaries, Transportation, Carriage, &c^{a}.

Ordered, that Christopher Bancker and John Dies, do with all convenient speed lay before this House, An Account on Oath, of all the Monies received and expended by them, in pursuance of An Act passed in the twenty eighth year of his Majesty's Reign Entituled [An Act for raising a supply of forty five thousand pounds, by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal, for putting this Colony into a proper Posture of Defence, for furthering His Majesty's Designs against his Enemies in North America, and other the purposes therein mentioned, for Emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum, and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short Periods] distinguishing in the said account the particular Purposes to which such Monies have been applyed.

Ordered, that the Clerk take effectual care that Copies of the said Orders be delivered to the Parties aforesaid respectively.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the twenty second day of December, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Hono^{ble}* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

Daniel Horsmanden,
John Rutherfurd,
John Chambers,
William Smith, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to raise a sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred pounds for erecting Barracks for his Majesty's Troops, providing them with Firewood and Candles and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and
Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery for this Colony the sum of One thousand, one hundred and twenty five pounds towards finishing a New Goal in the City of New York] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock P. M.

Friday, the 23d *day of December*, 1757. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Dupuy with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services therein mentioned to the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Seaman desiring to know what progress the Council have made in the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes to the value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned.]

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock.

Saturday, the 24th *day of December*, 1757.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

In answer to the Message from the General Assembly to the Council, desiring to be informed what progress the Council have made in the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes to the value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned]

Ordered, that the Honoble Daniel Horsmanden Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that on the 21st Instant while the said Bill was under Commitment a Petition was presented to this House, wherein the Petitioners pray a copy of the said Bill, and that they might be heard by themselves and Council against the same which was ordered accordingly, and that a day should be appointed for the Hearing at the first meeting of this House after the Holidays.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services therein mentioned to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock P. M. to meet at the Council Chamber in the Bowry Lane.

Council Chamber, Bowry Lane, in the Outward of the City of New York, Saturday the 24th day of December, 1757. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber (the Speaker leaving the Chair) sent a Message to the General Assembly, by Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of that House.

And the House attending accordingly

His Honour in the presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his assent to thirteen Bills, the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to His Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services therein mentioned to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the two Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia of New York, with an addition thereto.

An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned.

An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony with an addition thereto.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and Flour Cask.

An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for billeting and quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony.

An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to regulate the guaging of Rum Brandy and other distill'd Liquor and Molasses, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for raising by a publick Lottery for this Colony the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds towards finishing a new Goal in the City of New York.

An Act to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to raise a Sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred Pounds, for erecting Barracks for His Majesty's Troops, providing them with Firewood and Candles, and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of fifty pounds in the City and County of New York for services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County.

After which the said Acts were published and his Honour directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House till Tuesday the twenty fourth day of January next.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then left the Council Chamber.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday the 24th day of January next.

Tuesday, the 24th day of January, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned til Wednesday the 1st day of February next at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Wednesday, the first day of February, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournmt.

PRESENT — *The Hono.* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Pursuant to the order of this House of the 21st day of December last, on the Petition of sundry Persons, Officers or Practicers of the Law in the inferior Courts of this Province, praying to be heard against a Bill depending before this House Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try causes to the value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned.]

Ordered, that the Petitioners be heard by themselves and Council before this House on Wednesday the 8th day of this Instant at 10 o clock in the Forenoon.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Col De Lancey desiring to be informed how far this House have proceeded in the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try causes to the value of five pounds and under, and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned] and representing that that House, in Justice to their constituents cannot avoid being sollicitous about a Bill which Experience has shewn to be attended with such happy effects in the several Counties where it took place, and which the disinterested part of the good People of this Colony are impatiently expecting to see continued: and therefore that their just expectations may not be disappointed, and that the City of New York, and such other parts of the Colony, as have hitherto been precluded, and where its use is apparently necessary, may not longer be deprived of the Benefits almost universally acknowledged to arise therefrom, the House hopes the Council will not continue to defer their concurrence thereto.

In answer to the Message from the General Assembly of yesterday, desiring to be informed how far this House have proceeded in the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes to the value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned.]

Ordered, that the Honoble John Chambers Esqr do acquaint the General Assembly that in pursuance of the order of this House of the 21st day of December last, on the Petition of sundry persons praying to be heard against the said Bill, this House hath appointed that the Petitioners be heard by themselves & Council, before this House, on Wednesday the 8th Instant at 10 o clock in the Forenoon.

The Council adjourned to Saturday the 4th Instant at 11 o clock in the morning.

Saturday, the fourth day of February, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn that House until Tuesday the 28th Instant

The Council therefore adjourned to Tuesday the twenty eighth of February Instant, at 10 o clock in the morning.

[N.Y. Col. MSS., LXXXV., 82.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty eighth* day of *February* instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *seventh* day of *March* next, then to meet in the Outward of the City of *New York* to proceed upon Business. Of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *tenth* day of *February* 1758 in the *thirty first* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By His Honours Command
GW BANYAR *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING

TWENTY SEVENTH ASSEMBLY TENTH SESSION

Tuesday, the seventh day of March, 1758.

The Council having on the 4th day of February last adjourned themselves to Tuesday the 28th day of the same month, and the Honoble James De Lancey Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New York, having by Proclamation

dated the tenth day of the said month of February, further adjourned the General Assembly to this day, then to meet at the Outward of the City of New York to proceed upon Business.

The Council met accordingly in the Council Chamber in the Outward of the City of New York.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Friday next at 3 o clock P. M.

Friday the tenth day of March, 1758. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber (the Speaker leaving the Chair) sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary, requiring their immediate attendance.

The House attending accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and to deliver one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

And then His Honour returned to his Residence.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be read.

Then the Speech was read, and

Ordered to be entered in the minutes and is as follows vizt

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

His Majesty having nothing more at Heart, than to repair the Losses and Disappointments of the last Campaign, and by the most vigorous and extensive Efforts, to avert, by the Blessing of God on his Arms, the Dangers impending on North America; and not doubting that all his faithful and brave Subjects there, will chearfully co-operate with, and second to the utmost the large Expence and extraordinary Succours supplyed by his Kingdom for their Preservation and Defence. And his Majesty considering that the several Provinces, in particular from Proximity and Accessibility of Situation, more immediately obnoxious to the main Irruptions of the Enemy from Canada, are of themselves well able to furnish at least Twenty Thousand Men, to join a Body of the King's Forces for invading Canada, and carrying War into the Heart of the Enemies Possessions; And his Majesty not judging it expedient, to limit the Zeal and Ardour of any of his Provinces, by making a Repartition of the Force to be raised by each respectively, for this most important Service: his Majesty's Pleasure hath been signified to me by Letter from the Right Hono^ble William Pitt, Esqr, one of his principal Secretaries of State, that I should recommend to you in the most earnest Manner, to enable me to raise, with all possible Dispatch, as large a Body of Men within this Government, as the Number of its Inhabitants may allow; to be form'd into Regiments as far as shall be found convenient; to hold themselves in Readiness as early as may be, to march to the Rendezvous, at such Place as Major General Abercrombie, (who succeeds the R^t Hono^ble the Earl of Loudoun, as Commander in Chief of the King's Forces in North America, shall appoint in order to proceed from thence, in Conjunction with a Body of the Kings British Forces, and under the supreme Command of his Majesty's Commander in Chief in America, so as to be in a Situation to begin the Operations of the Campaign, as soon as may be any way practicable, by attempting to make an Irruption into Canada.

The King is pleased to furnish all the Men so raised, with Arms, Ammunition, and Tents, as well as to order Provisions to be issued for the same, by his Majestys Commissaries, in the

same Proportion and Manner, as is done to the Rest of the King's Forces. A sufficient Train of Artillery will also be provided at his Majesty's Expence, for the Operations of the Campaign. The whole therefore that his Majesty expects and requires from the several Provinces, is the levying, cloathing, & Pay of the Men. And on these Heads also, that no Encouragement may be wanting to this great and salutary Attempt, the King is further most graciously pleased to permit his Secretary of State to acquaint me, that strong Recommendations will be made to Parliament, in their Session next Year, to grant a proper Compensation for such Expences as above, according as the active Vigour, and strenuous Efforts of the respective Provinces, shall justly appear to merit.

Similar Orders are sent to the Massachusets-Bay, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Jersey; and the Southern Governments are also directed to raise Men in the same Manner, to be employed in such offensive Operations, as the Circumstances and Situation of the Enemy's Posts in those Parts may point out.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

When you consider the great Expence the Crown is at in supporting and preserving these Countries, I perswade my self you cannot hesitate a Moment in granting ample and sufficient Supplies for levying cloathing and paying as large a Body of Men as the Number of our Inhabitants will allow; especially as these supplies are so essential to your own immediate Safety and future Security.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

These Provinces, if they exert themselves with vigour, are able to send into the Field, such a Body of Men as by the Blessing of God, may give us well grounded Expectations of Success. I hope a Number of brave Men who have at Heart the Honour of a Brave, and the best of Kings, will voluntarily and chearfully engage in a Service, on the Success of which their Properties, their civil and religious Liberties, depend.

The Nature of the Service laid before you, requires the greatest Dispatch. We have no time to lose, as the Troops ought soon to be in Readiness. I therefore expect, that in Case a sufficient Number do not offer voluntarily, you will forthwith enable me by an effectual Law, to complete the Levies in due Time. I see no other Method of doing this, than of draughting Men from the Militia.

Gentlemen,

I can add nothing more to animate your Zeal. The Dangers impending on North America: the extraordinary Succours supplyed by the Crown: the Losses we have sustained: the Proximity and Accessibility of this Province, more immediately obnoxious to the main Irruptions of the Enemy from Canada, are the most powerful and cogent Motives, that can be suggested to induce you to exert your most vigorous Efforts, on this truly important and critical Occasion.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York,
March 10, 1758.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governors Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Horsmanden moved that an humble Address be presented by this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden, Mr Chambers and Mr Smith be a Committee to prepare the Draught of the said Address, and that they do prepare and lay the same before this House with all convenient speed.

The Council adjourned til Tuesday next at 11 o clock in the forenoon.

Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, Read, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read and being amended, was agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Address be engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was read and approved of, and

Ordered to be signed by the Speaker

And the Speaker having signed the same.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden and Mr Chambers do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the humble Address of the Council.

The said Gentlemen being returned reported that they had waited on his Honour with the said Message, and that he had been pleased to appoint 4 o clock this Afternoon.

Ordered, that the Parties who petitioned to be heard before this House against the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes to the value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned] be heard on Thursday next at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock P. M.

Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 1758. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and with

The Council went to present their Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and being Returned to the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the Council attended on, and read & presented their Address, to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, His Honour had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto: Which being read

Ordered, that the Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow vizt

To the Hono^ble JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New York & the Territories depending thereon in America

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York

May it please your Honour,

We His Majesty's most dutiful & loyal Subjects the Council of the Province of New York return your Honour our hearty Thanks for your Speech.

With Hearts full of gratitude we acknowledge this fresh Instance of His Majesty's paternal Care and Tenderness for these his remote Dominions; and beg leave to assure your Honour, that we will, with the greatest Chearfulness, concur in, and to the utmost of our Power promote

every measure for Strengthening your Hands, to enable you to answer his Majesty's most just & reasonable Expectations from us on this truely critical and important occasion.

By order of the Council
ARCH^D KENNEDY Speaker

City of New York
14 March 1758.

His HONOUR'S Answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this Address. The tender concern His Majesty hath so repeatedly shewn for his Subjects in North America, and the vigorous Measures he is at this time taking, to avert the Dangers impending on these his Dominions, must fill all our Hearts with the warmest Returns of Gratitude, Loyalty and affection.

The Provinces have now a most favourable opportunity of checking effectually the Power of an Enemy almost incessantly employed in distressing them. Animated by a just resentment and the Honour of so good a King, I hope we shall all exert ourselves to the utmost.

I shall with confidence, Gentlemen, rely on the Assurances you give me on this great and interesting occasion.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

Fort George New York
March 14th 1758.

Ordered, that the said Address & Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Thursday morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 16th *day of March*, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Several of the Petitioners against the Bill Entituled [An Act to Empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes to the value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned] attending without in order to be heard against the said Bill according to the order of this House on Tuesday last, they were called in and acquainted the House that they had nothing further to offer than the Reasons which in obedience to the order of this House they had filed with the Clerk.

Whereupon the Petitioners were directed to withdraw.

And the said Reasons* being read, It is

**To the Honourable the Members of His Majesty's Council for the Province of New York, convened as a Legislative House.*

REASONS humbly offered to the Council against the Bill intitled An Act to impower Justices of the Peace to try Causes to the Value of Five Pounds & under and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned.

MAY IT PLEASE THIS HONOURABLE HOUSE,

The subscribers being Council or Attornies at Law in this Province, in Compliance with an Order of Council, made upon their late Petition to be heard, against a Bill passed by the General Assembly, intitled, "An Act to impower Justices of the "Peace to try Causes, to the Value of Five Pounds and under, and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned," humbly beg Leave to offer their Reasons, why that Bill ought not to be carried into a Law.

And previous thereto, it may not be improper to exhibit a Short Account, of the present State of our Courts, for the Administration of Justice, in civil Controversies between Subject and Subject; since it may thence result, that the Constitution of the Province in this Respect, is already properly organized.

The Colony is divided into ten Counties; in each of which, the Justices of the Peace, who are very numerous, take Cognizance of small Causes to 40s. — In every County, except New York, there is an interiour Court of Common Pleas, for the Trial of Causes, where the Matter in Demand exceeds that Sum. The Terms of these Courts are fixed by Ordinance and revolve twice every Year. The Jurisdiction of the City of New York, extending through the whole County, all those Causes, which in the other Counties, would be within the Jurisdiction of the Common Pleas, are here determinable in the Mayor's Court; which by the Terms of the Charter must be held once every four Weeks, and may be held every Week. There is also a Mayor's Court in the City of Albany, and another in the Borough of Westchester for the like purposes; but their Respective Jurisdictions are more confined. Superiour to these, is the Supream Court of Judicature, which superintends the inferiour Courts, and in general exercises the Powers of the King's Bench and Common Pleas at

Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee to whom the Bill is referred.
The Council adjourned til Saturday Morning 11 o clock.

Westminster. In one Respect indeed, its Jurisdiction is more restricted, for while the Courts at Westminster, take Cognizance of all Causes above 40s., no Suit can be commenced in the Supream Court of this Province, unless the Matter in Controversy, exceeds the Sum of twenty Pounds.

The Errors of the Supream Court are to be corrected, according to one of the King's Instructions, by the Governour and Council; and from them the Subject may appeal to his majesty in privy Council.

The Fees of all these, except the Justice's Court have been established, by Ordinance of the Governour with the advice of the Council.

This Subordination of the Common Law Courts, has subsisted for many years past. To these the Subject has at all Times had Recourse for Redress; and we venture to affirm, that the Practice of the Law in this Province, is more conformable to the Course of Practice in England, than in any other of his Majestys Colonies upon this Continent; and what Honour that Profession has hitherto supported amongst us, the Majority of this Honourable House, want not Opportunities to know.

Thus much being premised, it plainly appears that the Bill in Question, seems calculated to contract the Business of the County Courts, by extending the Jurisdiction of a single Justice; and of consequence, since the Writ of Certiorari is not taken away, to increase the Practice of the Supream Court of Judicature, the ignorant and partial Decisions of the Inferiour Judicatories, intended to be establisht by the Bill, rendering the Use of that Writ, extreamly frequent; whence it is conjectured, that as the Fees of that Court, much exceed those of the Common Pleas of the Counties, this Bill, should it pass into a Law, would rather tend to the private Gain, than the Disadvantage of the Practisers of the Law. This we thought proper to observe, in Answer to an Opinion, recieved or at least pretended by some without Doors, that our Opposition to this Bill originates from self Interested Views; thò we humbly presume, the Members of this Honourable House, who are better acquainted with the Profession, will see the Supposition to be injurious and groundless. Of the Scope and Tendency of the Bill none can be such competent Judges, as those whose Profession leads them to a more intimate Knowledge of the Law; and it was therefore natural, if this Bill was subject to Objection, to expect the Opposition would begin with us.

Having thus prepared the Way, we proceed now to assign the particular Reasons, why it ought not to be carried into a Law.

First, This Bill is subversive of the Course and Order of the Common Law of England, in Trials by a Jury of twelve men, with the Assistance and under the Inspection of a Court of Law. The common Law is the best Inheritance that English men have derived from their Ancestors. It is a political Fabrick raised upon the Experience of Ages, with such an intimate Connection and Correspondency of its Parts, that the least Alteration in either, must necessarily injure and debilitate the whole Frame; and therefore no Innovations ought even to be attempted, in the Courts of Justice, but for the most weighty Reasons; and we have heard none such offered in favour of the Bill in question.

Secondly. If an Investiture of the Justices of the Peace, with so great a power as is given by this Bill, would notwithstanding all objections, be ultimately advantageous to the Publick, it is very probable it would have long ago obtained in England, it appearing to us, that such a Bill would for the Reason next assigned, be less prejudicial there than in this Province; but since Justices in England have no such power, as is intended to be given by this Bill, we conclude that the Wisdom of the Nation, is against reposing so great a Trust in a single Justice of the Peace; and their example appears to us worthy of our Imitation; the rather since His Majesty by his Instructions, has been pleased to direct his Governours, "to take Care that no man's Life, Member, Freehold or Goods be taken away or harmed, otherwise than by "established and known Laws, not repugnant, but as much as may be agreeable to the Laws of the Kingdom of England."

Thirdly. If such a Law as this, was never thought proper in our Mother Country, it would in many Respects be much more unsuitable for us. *There*, Justices of the Peace are generally Gentlemen of Rank, Education and Estates; but Persons in the same Office *here*, are for the most part, men of mean Ocupations, ignorant and often indigent even to Necessity, and of Consequence more exposed in their Decisions, to be influenced by sordid Attachments and Corruption; and through Want of Knowledge, to inevitable Error, mischievous to the Suitors and dishonourable to the Government. Ignorance and Corruption are two Sluices, that will let in an Inundation of complicated Evils upon the Community; and it does not appear to us, to be very easy to prevent them, if the Power of the Justices is enlarged, as by this Bill is proposed.

The Country still labours so much under the Disadvantages of its Infancy, and so general has been our Neglect of the means of Education, that there have been Persons in the Commission of the Peace, who were so poor as not to have a Freehold, and so ignorant as to be unable to write their own names or even to read. Instances of this Kind, have been so recent, that the present General Assembly esteemed them a proper Subject of publick Complaint, and in their Address to his Honour the Lieut Governour in November 1753, take Notice that there were "Judges and Justices of known ill "Characters and extream Ignorance, and others so shamefully illiterate, as to be unable to write their own Names, from "whence (they add) we greatly fear, that Justice has in many Cases, been partially or very unduely administered."

We do not take upon us to say, that the same Cause of Complaint still subsists, nor is it our Province to make the Inquiry; but we can affirm with great safety from our own Experience, that very few Justices, even among those who understand the English Language, are qualified with sufficient Knowledge, *decernere per Legem quid sit Justum;* not to forget, that in several counties the English Tongue is so little spoken, that it is difficult to find Justices of the Peace, able to copy a Warrant tor apprehending a Felon, and much less to preside as a Judge of Law.

This being the true State of Things, how evident is it in *Theory*, that such a Law as the Bill in Question, must be productive of Determinations, either influenced by Partiality or injurious thò the Ignorance of the Dispenser. Add to this undeniable Experience, which while a similar Law was in Force, every day furnished *actual* Proofs, of what might have been foreseen in *Speculation.* How many are the Complaints, against the Judgments of the Justices? How often has the Supream Court, been applied to for Redress, by Attachments, Writ of certiorari, & Rules to shew Cause &c.; not to mention what is extreamly probable, that many other Complaints, have never been publicly moved, but permitted to die unheared, through the Poverty of the Sufferer.

Fourthly. This Bill tends to excite a litigious Spirit, render the Course of Justice more dilatory and expensive & incourage Oppression. For upon the Hypothesis, that the Justices in general, are extreamly unfit for the due discharge of their offices, and are like through the immature State of the Country, long to continue so, many of their Judgments will be inevitably partial or erroneous; and when ever the injured Party happens to be a man of Spirit and Fortune, no Expence will prevent his Application for Redress, and that must be always to the Supream Court, where the Solemnity and Nature of the Proceedings, require more Time and expence. How often these Applications will be made, is submitted to the Judgment of any man, acquainted with the Spirit of a free People, and that natural Prejudice so common to us, in every Transaction in which our own Interest is concerned. Few Persons who have Estates sufficient to redress themselves, will set down condemned by a Decision, which they conceive to be unjust, without making some effort for relief. And such being the known Temper of Mankind, it is easy to conceive that a weak Justice, will pay more Regard to the Cause of the Rich than the Poor, since the narrow Circumstances of the latter, will compel him to put up with the first Judgment, to prevent an Increase of Charge, there being no costs recoverable, should he prevail in an Application to the Supream Court.

Whence it appears, that this Bill will promote Oppression by concealing it, and that too the worst sort of Oppression the Oppression of the Poor. And that such will be the consequences of this Bill, if enacted into a Law, we are the more inclined to believe, because while the late Five pound Act was in force, we remember many Instances of injurious Decisions, which were suffered to pass unnoticed, merely because they could not be reversed, without so great an Increase of Expence to the Party applying for the same, as must necessarily render the Remedy worse than the Disease.

Saturday, the eighteenth day of March, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Col. Mathews, with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading of infectious Distempers in this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Fifthly. This Bill in confining the Distribution of Justice to private Houses, Dram Shops, and obscure Corners at the Discretion of the Justice, is repugnant to the Wisdom of the Common Law, and the Spirit of the great Charter; & evidently tends to incourage Idleness, Drunkenness and public Disorder. The Bill, indeed, restrains a Tavern-keeping Justice, from holding a Court at his own House (which by the way confirms what we have already said, to shew that the keeping of the King's Peace, is committed to men of the lowest Occupations) but yet, what hinders him from convening the Parties at that of a Brother Justice or any other Tavern? and while the late Five pound Act subsisted, were not those little Courts most frequently held in Taverns? At some of these Trials fifty men, either as Parties, Jurors, Witnesses or Spectators have been collected. These Meetings too, have been frequent about the *same* Matter, the Justice having Power to adjourn at his Pleasure. And how often these petty Courts have ended in Drunkenness, Revels, Games and Horse races, Tumults, Quarrels and Breaches of the Peace, we must submit to the Knowledge, even of several Members of this Honourable House.

Sixthly. In such Disorderly Conventions as these, there is no Solemnity, no Awe; all is Noise and Confusion, Passion, Party spirit and Rage. Can we therefore be at a Loss, for the Cause of the Instances we have even in our most regular Courts of frequent Perjuries; which are the Affliction and Complaint of all good men. We are confident that the Justices Courts, are the Schools which have given a Spread, to this dangerous and most infamous Vice. It is notorious that the Parties are admitted by the Justices, to swear in their own Causes; and as there is no Solemnity in their Proceedings, it is almost impossible to convict the Offender against the Sacred Laws of Truth; and hence the Progress of a Vice which dissolves the Bands of society, is a high handed affront to the Majesty of Heaven, and renders Liberty, Property and Life it self insecure.

Seventhly. All those Corporations and public Bodies, which are impowered by Charter, to hold Courts of Record in Causes above forty Shillings will be prejudiced by this Bill, and the munificent Designs of the Crown in the Grant of those Franchises be consequently subverted; and as the Charter of the City of New York in particular, stands confirmed by an Act of Assembly, we humbly submit it to the Consideration of this House, whether this Bill can be passed, containing an implicative Repeal, consistant neither with the Maxims of sound Policy, which require that all Laws ought to be plain and express; or even with His Majestys Instructions, which require, that the Title of every Bill shall plainly express its full Scope "and that no Act whatsoever be suspended, altered, revived, confirmed or repealed by general Words, but that "the Title and Date of such Act so suspended, altered, revived, confirmed or repealed be particularly mentioned or "expressed."

Eighthly. This Bill appears to us, not only repugnant to His Majesty's Pleasure signified by his Instructions, but tending to weaken the Interest and Influence of the Crown. For as the Officers of all the inferiour Courts, Judges, Clerks, Sheriffs &c hold their Places by Patent, & receive Fees as established by Ordinance of the Governor and Council, it is plain, that any Abridgment of the Business of these Courts will affect those Officers, which becoming less valuable, the Power of the Crown over all its immediate Dependants in those Courts, must be proportionably abated.

Ninthly. With the last Reason, another is inseperably connected, shewing this Bill to be repugnant to the Principles of natural Justice, as it will depreciate those Offices, which are not only Instances of the Royal munificence to their Possessors, but proceeding from the legal Prerogatives of the Crown, as much a part of their Estates as their Lands or Chattels; and are therefore such Enjoyments, as it would be highly unjust to deprive them of, without the most cogent Reasons, by any Law subsequent to their Patents. And perhaps no Reason, even in Cases of the most urgent necessity, can be assigned, to deprive the subject of Part of His Estate, without recompensing him for his Loss; and herein we have the Honour to agree, with the present General Assembly, who on the 18 of February 1757, in answer to a Speech of Sir Charles Hardy, the late Governor, respecting the vacating of sundry Patents of large unimproved Tracts, on the northern Frontiers of this Province, were pleased to express themselves in these words, "Your Excellency upon Enquiry will find, "that the Proprietors have paid very considerable Sums of Money; first to the Natives for their Rights; afterwards to "the Governors and Officers of Government for Fees attending the Patents, frequently as much as the Lands were worth; "*And to deprive these People of their Possessions*, WITHOUT A CONSIDERATION, would be construed a proceeding "HARSH and DANGEROUS." And that no Patentee ought to be prejudiced, by an Expost Facto Act, is not only agreeable, to the Sentiments of the General Assembly of this Colony, but also conformable to those of the Parliament of Great Britain; for it is observable, that in two late Statutes, passed in the 23^d year of the present King's Reign, for the more easy Recovery of Debts of 40s. and under, within the Liberty of Westminster, Dutchy of Lancaster and Tower Hamlets, in Consequence of which, the Fees of certain Officers wou'd be reduced, provision is made by express Clauses, to recompence them for their Losses, by pecuniary Payments during Life.

Tenthly. The Depreciation of those Offices, will be not less injurious to the Patentees, than detrimental to the Publick, by rendering the County Courts, less Capable of the Due Administration of Justice. The Clerkships of those Courts being at present, for the most part exercised by Gentlemen in the Law, their Opinions, seasonably interposed, as Amici Curiæ, not only tend to prevent Barbarism, but Injustice; and their Assistances by removing Doubts will also render the Course of Justice, more regular and dispatchful; but should the present Bill take Place, the Fees of those Officers, will will be so unequal to the Trouble of them, that no man of Skill, Spirit and Education, will submit to that unprofitable Drudgery. And hence a Door will be opened, for the Introduction of such mean and ignorant Officers, as will weaken the Security of the Subject, injure the Prerogative, and dishonour the Government.

Eleventhly. The Law is a Science which by its particularity, is become so vastly extensive, that a long and various Train of Practice, is necessary to qualify a man to appear in it, with Honour to himself, or Safety to his Clyent. The County Courts have been the common School, in which young Gentlemen have made their first Essays, and prepared themselves for Business of greater Importance in the Superior Courts. — If the Publick therefore is concerned in the Abilities of the Professors of the Law, and the County Courts tend to encourage the Young Practisers, and perfect them for Management of Causes of Moment in the Supream Court, we assure ourselves that this House, will not consent to a

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Vanderveer and Captain Winne with the Bill Entituled, An Act to raise, levy and collect a sum not exceeding the sum of five hundred Pounds in Kings County towards building a new Court House and Goal in said County] Desiring tha concurrence of the council thereto.

Bill, which by abridging the Business of the Common Pleas, opens a door for the Introduction of Ignorant Pretenders, into the most important and supreme Judicatories, to the Disgrace of the Profession and the publick Detriment.

Twelfthly. Not to repeat what has already been offered, to shew that this Bill naturally tends to debauch the manners of the People, we cannot help taking a more particular Notice, of its Tendency to encourage Idleness, or an unnecessary Consumption of Time; which we humbly conceive, is an unanswerable Objection to the Bill, now under the Consideration of this Honourable House, for should it pass into a Law, the County Courts must nevertheless be kept up. These, as we observed before, are held twice every year, and set ordinarily from Tuesday to Friday of the same Week. The necessary Attendants at these Terms, consisting of the Court Officers, 24 Grand Jurors, and 48 petty Jurors, with the Suitors and Witnesses, commonly amount to about an hundred Persons, assembled at two of the most leisurely Times in the year; whence it appears, that the loss at present by the inferiour Courts is in each County, that of the Labour of One hundred men almost eight days in the year; But how much more Time will be necessarily consumed by the petty Judicatories, intended to be established by this Bill, is hard to determine. It is plain be it what it will, it is all in Addition to what is already created, by attending on the Inferiour Courts. And that it will become so considerable, as well to deserve the Consideration of the Legislature, no man can doubt, who has in the least Degree attended to the Consequences of the late five Pound Act, when there scarce passed a day without a Tryal before a Justice, in some Part of every County in the Province; not to mention that some of us, have heard a Justice declare upon his Oath, that himself had no less than sixty Causes under Consideration at a time; how equitable these confused Decisions were, is not our Business now to enquire. But suppose, what is by no means improbable, that a Justice's Court will ordinarily convene twenty men (tho twice that Number are more frequently assembled on those Occasions) and admitting there are annually but forty of these Conventions in each County (a Number very small, and we are convinced less than is consistent with the Truth) those multiplied by nine, the Number of the Counties, it thence results that above seven Thousand men in the Compass of a year (exclusive of the City and County of New York), will be drawn off from their Employments to attend the little Judicatories designed to be established by this Bill. A prodigious Loss this to the Publick! A Day misspent is lost forever. The Labour of the People is the Riches of a State; and every wise Legislator will incourage it, especially in a new Country, where the Number of Inhabitants bears scarce any Proportion to the Territory they possess.

Thirteenthly, We cannot but think the Bill very unjust, in the apparent inequality and different Measures of Justice, which it directs between one that is a Freeholder & one that is not, to wit, in allowing the former forty Days from the Judgment to pay the Debt, before Execution is to be awarded; while the other, is immediately subjected to an Execution against his Goods, and for want of effects, to have his Body taken into Custody. This appears to us, as tending to distress the poorer Sort, by giving them no Respite, and allowing the richer an unreasonable Time to keep the Creditor from the Benefit of his Recovery. It looks in short like saying, that he who can pay his Debts immediately, shall have forty days to do it, but he who cannot pay it at all shall do it immediately, or go to Goal. Whereas as the Law now stands, if one of Ability is prosecuted for a small Debt, he will discharge it for his own interest to prevent the Increase of Costs, while the indigent have by the Course of the Courts, sufficient Time to earn or raise money to satisfy a Plaintiff, and that with but a small Addition of Expence; the Fees as this Honourable House well knows, in the Common Pleas, being very inconsiderable, and for the first Vacation, which includes the Space of six Months, inferiour even to those, prescribed by the Bill in Suits before a Justice. This Bill appears to us also unreasonable, in its Extent to Actions of Assault and Battery sounding entirely in Damages, the Bill giving a Jurisdiction to Justices in such Causes, and enjoyning that unless the Plaintiff will swear he has sustained Damages to five pounds, and should obtain a Verdict for Less, he shall in that Case pay his own Costs; For as the Damages in this Suit depends much upon the Rank of the Person injured, & it is difficult for any man to ascertain his Damages by Oath, it follows that he is reduced to the Dilemma, either of rating the Injury at £5, and resorting to a Justice for redress; or if prosecuting the Offender in the Supream Court, at the great Risque of punishing himself more than the Agressor; and this will be the hard Case, of every man in the Province, whatever may be his Age, Rank or Office; so that great Encouragement will be given to private Revenge and Breach of the Peace; for the Number of Offences, will probably be in Proportion to the Difficulty of punishing the Offender, and the Lowness of the Damages recoverable for the Transgression. And in this Respect also the Bill will not only alter the common Law, but abridge the Jurisdiction of the Supream Court. And under this Head, we also beg Leave to observe, the extream Hardship that is imposed by this Bill upon the Sheriffs, who are made responsible for the safe Custody of all Prisoners, who are committed by the Justices in Civil Causes, without the least Recompence for their Trouble and Risque.

Lastly. On the whole therefore we humbly conceive, that the antient Establishment and Subordination of Courts in this Province, is well calculated to give a free Course to the Dispensation of Justice, and requires no Innovation: That the Bill in Question is subversive of the Common Law, and repugnant to the Wisdom of the English Nation, That Justices of the Peace ought not to be trusted with the Powers specified in this Bill.—That it will introduce Barbarism, promote Injustice, and bring Dishonour upon the Government.—That it will multiply Law Suits, and render them dilatory and expensive, oppress the Poor and conceal Oppression.—That it will tend too much, to divert the People from their Ordinary Employments, debauch their Morals, encourage Idleness, and provoke to the Breach of the King's Peace. That it will establish a School for the propagation of Perjury, injure the Rights of publick Corporations and private Patentees, oppose the munificence of the Crown and weaken its Influence. That it is, in sundry Instances, contrary to His Majesty's Instructions, and will be extreamly detrimental to the Safety, Peace and Prosperity of the Colony.

All which is nevertheless most humbly submitted, to the great Wisdom of the Members of this Honourable House,

By their most dutiful and most

Obedient Servants,

New York 23d Jany
1758.

M: LODGE
B: NICOLLS
JNO: ALSOP
WM SMITH Jun.
WHITEHEAD HICKS
RICHD SNEDEKER
THOMAS JONES.
JOHN V. CORTLANDT
WIL: LIVINGSTON
BENJ: KISSAM
JAMES EMOTT
JAS DUANE
JNO MORIN SCOTT
AUGT V. CORTLANDT
LAMBT MOORE

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the twentieth day of March, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes to the Value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned] And after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments thereto which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table when the amendments were again read, and being agreed to
Ordered that the amendments be engrossed.
And the amendments being engrossed
Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.
M^r. Rutherfurd withdrew.
Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended.
And on the Question being put
Resolved that the said Bill as amended do Pass.
Ordered that Mr Chambers do carry the Bill back to the General Assembly with the amendments made thereto by the Council and acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with those amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of that House.
Mr Smith dissented to the passing the said Bill and his Dissent is entered accordingly with leave to enter his Reasons.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading of Infectious Distempers in this Colony] And
The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect a sum not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds in Kings County towards building a New Court House and Goal in said County] Be now read the second time.
Then the said two Bills were read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the twenty first day of March, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Winne and Mr Rensselaer with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery the Sum of One thousand one hundred and twenty five Pounds for the use of the Corporation of the City of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till 4 o clock Post Meridiem.

Tuesday, the twenty first day of March, 1758 P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill entitituled [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds for the use of the Corporation of the City of Albany] be now read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered, to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading of Infectious Distempers in this Colony] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill & made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the amendment in at the Table where the amendment was again read and being agreed to, was
Ordered to be engrossed, and the amendment being engrossed,
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.
Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do carry the Bill back to the General Assembly with the amendment made thereto by the Council and acquaint them that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendment to which they desire the concurrence of that House.
The Council adjourned til to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 22^d day of March, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Smith delivered in his Reasons for his Dissent to the Bill entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes to the value of five pounds and under and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned] which were read and are as follow :

THE Petitioners against this Bill having filed their Reasons in support of their Petition with the Clerk of this House, and this House having ordered them to be read, I find it my Duty with Regard to His Majesty's Honour & Interest, and the Welfare and Prosperity of this Province, to add my Reasons for my Dissent to the passing it into a Law.
And here I would observe generally, that in my humble opinion the Reasons offered by the Petitioners do *in substance* well support the allegations contained in their Petition : But the Reasons that principally determine me in this important point, are these following vizt
1st It seems to me from long experience and an intimate knowledge of the state of this Province, that above three fourths of the Causes in Number, and nearly the one half of their

Amount in value which have been controverted in our Courts, do not exceed severally the Demand of more than five pounds, tho Precision in this Comparison cannot be pretended, and in stated Periods upon a strict Computation the Diversity may probably be found very considerable: However it is very certain that the present Bill is intended to alter the Method of Trial established by the Common Law, and to lessen the security of the Subject as to his Liberty and Property in all Causes wherein the Matter in demand does not exceed five Pounds. This appears to me to be very prejudicial to the native Rights of British Subjects, founded in the Common Law, and confirmed by the Great Charter, and respected by his most gracious Majesty in his Instructions to his Governors, as the Petitioners have observed.

2dly I do not find any general Law of England that has ever given to the Justices of the Peace, the Power of Jurisdiction in all causes where the matter in demand amounts to five Pounds; and to attempt an Act in this Infant Colony, derogatory to the Common Law, and not warranted by the wisdom of the British Legislature, appears to me a dangerous Innovation.

3dly What extremely aggravates the Mischief that will attend the passing this Bill into a Law, is, that it gives a Jurisdiction to all the Justices in the Counties without any distinction; and I know no Reason to differ from the present Assembly, who on the sixth of November 1753 in their Address to his Honour the present Lieutenant Governor "*Complain that there were Judges and Justices then in Commission of known ill character and extreme Ignorance, and so shamefully illiterate as to be unable to write their own Names*, from whence they add *that they greatly fear'd that Justice had in many cases been partially or very unduly administred*" Whether the Qualification of the Justices in the several Counties has been since that time much mended, I believe no Gentleman of this House will venture to affirm. And I am clearly of opinion, that to lodge a greater Power of Jurisdiction in such hands, as at that time could only try causes wherein the matter in demand did not exceed forty shillings, will proportionably inhance the Grievance, and increase the Fear upon that account.

4thly I conceive that the Losses by attending upon such Courts as are proposed to be Established by this Bill, and the Costs that will accrue in such Prosecutions, will be on the whole much greater and more detrimental to the Inhabitants of the several Counties, than the difference of costs as they are now received by the Officers and Practisers of the Courts of Law already established in those Counties.

5thly I conceive that the passing this Bill into a Law will greatly tend to encourage Idleness & corrupt the Morals of the Inhabitants of this Province.

6thly It appears to me that the Rights & Influence of the Crown in the administration of Government, and private Property, and Rights of Offices held by Patents relating to Jurisdiction, will, contrary to natural Justice and Equity, be greatly impaired and diminished by the passing of this Bill.

7thly It evidently tends to discourage the Study of the Law, and all Improvement in Science, and to introduce Barbarism, Confusion, Error, Partiality, Corruption, and Perjury, into the publick administration of Justice within the several Counties within this Province: And I hope no Gentleman will conceive these to be *light Evils* when nothing can tend more to secure the love of his Majesty's Subjects to their Native Rights and Liberties, and their Allegiance to their Soveraign, than their knowledge of the worth and value of those Rights. And who amongst us will make it his Business in Life to be acquainted with the Laws of his Country, who cannot be secure of a comfortable and honourable subsistence in consequence of his study and Practice of those Laws? Some men without Doors may make a light matter of this Reason and think it affects but a small Body of his Majesty's Subjects, but Wiser Heads do know that nothing can more effectually damp the Ardour of the British Genius, nor prepare the People for Slavery, and dispose them to take upon them a *French Yoke*, than a general Ignorance of the Laws of their Mother Country. And the horrid Confusion and Disorder in this Government, that will arise from the Error, Partiality, Corruption and Perjury that will attend the publick Administration of Justice in the Counties, (of which we have had too many Instances already) ought to make every honest man tremble.

8thly My Eighth Reason is founded upon matters of some delicacy, which I should have been glad to have had no occasion to take notice of: But when I consider that his Majesty expects that his faithful servants of his Council for this Province, should avail themselves of all they know or are credibly informed of that may serve to direct them in the discharge of their Duty to their King and Country, and that I should be unworthy of a seat here, if I should conceal a danger, or not dare to act according to my conscience; I think myself therefore obliged to observe, that it has been a Practice during all the time that I have had any concern in the publick administration of Government, and I have heard it has been the case long before vizt That the Representatives of the Counties in Assemblies, have made it a custom to give in their Lists of Justices for their respective Counties to the Governors for the time being; that these Lists have within my observation, at the first accession of a new Governor, while his Instructions have been fresh in Memory, been laid before the Council for their advice and consent: But I have been credibly informed, that afterwards and most generally till the present administration, such Lists have been delivered to the Clerks in the Secretaries office, and commissions by order of the Governor, have issued without advice & consent or the least Notice taken of his Majesty's Council in those Affairs, *notwithstanding his Majesty's express Instructions on that Head.* The

Abuse that has ensued from this Practice has been so great, that within the Compass of a few months, within a former administration, I have been credibly informed that there have been three sets of Justices commissioned in one County, wherein all or the greatest part of those named in the preceeding Commissions, have been superseeded by the Commission next following. The Consequence of this has been, that his Majesty's Government has been greatly dishonoured; some of his best subjects disgraced and so disgusted, that they have ever after refused to serve under any Commission, and very unworthy persons have been substituted in their stead; When the true cause of all this has been no other, than that they did not vote for the sitting Members, in the last Election, or would not promise to give their Votes and Interest for such Candidates as happened to be chosen at the ensuing election. I my self have seen, when I attended the County Courts, a Bench of Justices some of whom I esteemed worthy men and among the very best of the County for the offices they sustained; and at the next Sessions, seeing on the Bench a sett of almost all New Faces. I have asked what was become of such and such Men, as I had known, and the Answer has been, that they had been put out of Office, because that they had voted against the sitting Members at the last Election, and were not Friends to what was called in the County Term *the present Administration*, meaning not that of the Government, but of the sitting Members. When I have considered the wisdom and Equity that appears in the Partition of Power within this Government, which his most gracious Majesty has been pleased to establish by his Commission and Instructions, I have reflected upon these disagreable truths with great uneasiness, and found that they had their source and Origin in a violation of the order enjoined by his Majesty's Instructions: And being firmly perswaded that to encrease the Power of the Justices in a point of Jurisdiction not necessarily connected with their office, will increase the Evil, I was obliged to dissent to this Bill. Nothing is more Evident to me than that, First it will tend to destroy the freedom of Elections of Representatives in Assembly: Men will be bribed to vote for such Men as can procure for the Voters, Offices of Power and Gain. Secondly it will establish an Olligarchy and despotic Power in the Counties, to the disturbance of the Peace and the oppression of his Majesty's Subjects. Thirdly, it will give an excessive weight to the Lower House that will destroy the Ballance of Power lodged in the several Branches of the Legislature: It will enable that House to controul a Governor, that may dare to dispute their demands in opposition to the Rights of the Crown, and to defy the Effects of his Power of his dissolving them, and consequently weaken the Power of the Crown in the administration of Government. On the other Hand if the Governor pursues wrong measures, and falls in with the demands of the Assembly, by appointing Justices at their Instance, he may have just such men to be in the Assembly as he pleases, and such as will give him whatever he demands. And in the last Place, that weight and Influence which the King intends his Council should have in keeping the Ballance even between the Governor and the Assembly, and his answering the best Ends of his Government, will in consequence of the Premises be greatly weakned and impaired, if not entirely lost.

Hence according to the View I have of the present Bill, it evidently tends, to infuse Poison into the very Vitals of the Constitution of this Government; and though it may serve the particular Views of the Gentlemen of the Assembly in the ensuing Election, yet the continuance of such Bills, can by no means subserve to their true Interest, the advancement of the Value of their Estates, the Good of their Posterity, and the Real Welfare of this Colony; which can only be promoted by preserving the Constitution pure and entire, and the Legislative and Executive Power of Goverment in their proper place and order, and in the full exercise of those Rights which belong to each respectively, not suffering any one to encroach upon the Rights of the other.

9thly The Amendments proposed to this Bill in my humble opinion go but a very little way in preventing the Evils which it tends to produce and in fact the publick Injury in extending it to the two Cities and Borough is less than in extending it to the several Counties, because the Magistrates in these Cities and Borough, are generally Men of sense and Integrity; and I have not heard of any one amongst them, that cannot write his own name.

10thly If after all, a five Pound Bill had been thought absolutely necessary to suppress some Evils, which have been complained of (I fear with too much Reason) I would not have opposed a temporary Law to have established such a Court in each County, City and Borough, if the Jurisdiction were lodged in a few Hands, and those such who were able *Decernere per Legem quid sit Justum*, and the Persons to be appointed were men of approved Integrity, and nominated by the Governor, and Commissioned with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council; and such Orders and Regulations relating to such Courts had been proposed, as would have a probable tendency to promote the publick Good.

Wm Smith.

New York 30th March 1758.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Nicoll with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes to the value of five Pounds and under and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned] with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, acquainting the Council that the General Assembly do not agree to the said Amendments.

And the said Message being Read

Resolved, that the Council do adhere to their Amendments to the said Bill.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do carry back the Bill with the Amendments to the General Assembly and acquaint the House that the Council do adhere to their said Amendments.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock Pt Meridiem.

Wednesday, the 22d *day of March*, 1758. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournmt

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five Pounds for the use of the Corporation of the City of Albany] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put and agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Walton and Mr Cruger with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading of infectious Distempers in this Colony] with the amendment thereto acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendment and desire that the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended by inserting in page 1 line 25 after the word *Tea* these Words "And shall ask and demand of the Master or Commander of every such vessel whether they have come from any Place infected with the Small Pox, Yellow Fever, or other infectious Distemper, or have any person on board infected with any such Distemper."

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect a sum not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds in Kings County, towards building a new Court House and Goal in said County] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers Reported from the Committee of the whole House that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr. Cruger and Captain Winne with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising paying and clothing two thousand six hundred and eighty effective Men, Officers included, for forming an army of twenty thousand Men with the Forces of the Neighbouring Colonies to invade the French Possessions in Canada, in Conjunction with a Body of His Majesty's Regular Troops and other purposes therein mentioned] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 23d day of March, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect a sum not exceeding the sum of five hundred Pounds in Kings County towards building a New Court House and Goal in said County] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the Bill do pass.

Ordered that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, [An Act for raising paying and Cloathing two thousand six hundred and eighty effective Men, Officers included, for forming an army of twenty thousand Men with the Forces of the Neighbouring Colonies to invade the French Possessions in Canada in Conjunction with a Body of his Majesty's regular Troops and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock Post Meridiem.

Thursday, the twenty third day of March, 1758. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising paying and Cloathing two thousand six hundred and Eighty effective Men Officers included, for forming An Army of twenty thousand Men with the Forces of the Neighbouring Colonies, to invade the French Possessions in Canada, in Conjunction with a Body of his Majesty's regular Troops, and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five Pounds for the use of the Corporation of the City of Albany] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to morrow afternoon 4 o clock.

Friday, the twenty fourth day of March, 1758. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber (the Speaker leaving the Chair) sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of that House.

And the General Assembly attending accordingly

His Honor in presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to four Bills the Titles whereof are as follow, vizt

An Act for raising paying and cloathing two thousand six hundred and eighty effective men, Officers included, for forming an Army of twenty thousand Men, with the Forces of the Neighbouring Colonies to invade the French Possessions in Canada, in conjunction with a Body of his Majesty's regular Troops, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading of infectious Distempers in this Colony.

An Act to raise levy and collect a sum not exceeding the sum of five hundred Pounds in Kings County towards building a new Court House and Goal in said County.

An Act for raising by a publick Lottery the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds for the use of the Corporation of the City of Albany.

After which the said four Acts were published as usual, and his Honor the Lieut^t Governor, the Council, and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber

The Speaker of the General Assembly represented to his Honour, that the Members conceived their presence in their respective Counties absolutely necessary, to expedite and forward the Levies of Men; and therefore that the House desired his Honour to permit them to adjourn for a short time.

His Honour was thereupon pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber, and adjourn the House until Tuesday the second day of May next.

His Honour then returned to his Residence.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House until Tuesday the second day of May next. The Council therefore adjourned to the same day.

Tuesday, the second day of May, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ARCHIBALD KENNEDY,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday the 10th Instant at 3 o clock Post Meridiem.

Wednesday, the tenth day of May, 1758. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN RUTHERFURD,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor which being being read was
Ordered to be entered in the Minutes & is as follows

Gentlemen,
I desire you will now proceed on the Business I have before recommended to you, to wit, paying the Publick Debts, Revising the Militia Laws, making them more effectual for these times and throwing the whole into one Bill. As also that you will take into your consideration the several other matters recommended to you in my former Message of the 7th of December last.
The Acts for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage, a very necessary Law, is expired and should be revived.
No Provision has been made for a Chaplain to the Forces in the Pay of this Province; when this is done, I shall take leave to appoint a well qualifyed Person to that service.
JAMES DE LANCEY.

Bowry Lane 10th May 1758.

The Council adjourned till the 23^d Instant at 10 o'clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the twenty third day of May, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Friday the second day of June next at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Friday, the second day of June, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and Cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
The Council adjourned till 5 o clock Post Meridiem.

Friday, the second day of June, 1758. P^t Mer.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Watts and Col: Verplanck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act for Payment of the Debts of this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Watts with the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Taxing of Real and personal Estates in the City and County of New York, collecting the Taxes, and for preventing Disputes between Landlords and their Tenants throughout the Colony] Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Saturday, the third day of June, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, And the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, An Act for the payment of the Debts of this Colony] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to restrain the Feeding and burning the Grass & cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Taxing of real and personal Estates in the City and County of New York, collecting the Taxes, and for preventing Disputes between Landlords and their Tenants throughout the Colony] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till 3 o'clock Post Meridiem.

Saturday, the third day of June, 1758. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for payment of the Debts of this Colony] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber (the Speaker leaving the Chair) sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of that House

And the General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Honour in presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to two Bills, the Titles whereof are as follow.

An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for the Payment of the Debts of this Colony.

After which the said two Acts were publish'd as usual and his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Council, and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber.

His Honour was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly, to return to the Assembly Chamber, and adjourn the House until Tuesday the 27th day of June Instant.

His Honour then returned to his Residence.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn that House until Tuesday the 27th day of June Instant.

The Council therefore adjourned to the said twenty seventh day of June Instant.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVI., 38.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty seventh* day of *June* instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday the twenty fifth day of July next* of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein, are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty third* day of *June* 1758 in the *thirty second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar, *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVI., 50.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY, Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories Depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty fifth* day of *July* instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty second* day of *August* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twelfth* day of *July* 1758 in the *thirty second* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar, *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVI., 64.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in (L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province, stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty second* day of *August* instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *nineteenth* day of *September* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixteenth* day of *August*, 1758 in the *thirty second* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar, *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVI., 58.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in (L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province, stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *nineteenth* day of *September* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *seventeenth* day of *October* next of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the ninth day of September 1758 in the *thirty second* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcy*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVI., 83.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *seventeenth* day of *October* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fourteenth* day of *November* next of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixth* day of *October* 1758 in the *thirty second* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar, D *Cl. Con.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ASSEMBLY ELEVENTH SESSION.

Council Chamber *City Hall in the City of* New York Tuesday *the fourteenth day of* November 1758.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having on the third day of June last directed the General Assembly to adjourn themselves to the twenty seventh day of the same month to which day the Council did also adjourn And the Lieutenant Governor having by divers Proclamations since issued adjourned the General Assembly to this day.

The Council met accordingly.

Present — *The Hono^ble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

Daniel Horsmanden,
John Chambers,
William Smith,
John Watts,
William Walton, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

There not being a sufficient Number of Members of the General Assembly met to proceed upon Business.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday the 21st day of November Instant at 11 o clock in the morning.

Tuesday, the 21st *day of November,* 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber (the Speaker leaving the Chair) sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of that House.

The House attending accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and to deliver one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Honour then returned to his Residence.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governors Speech be Read.

Then the Speech was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and General-Assembly,

I Take this first Opportunity of our Meeting, to congratulate you on the Success of his Majesty's Arms in North-America. The Reduction of Louisbourg, and, in Consequence, of the Islands of Cape-Breton and St. John's, is an Acquisition of the utmost Importance to the Trade of Great-Britain, and the Safety of the Northern Colonies: may they always continue in the British Possession. The taking and destroying so many of the Enemy's Ships on this Occasion, whereby the French Navy is considerably weakened, is an additional heavy Loss to them; and all this has been atchieved with so little Loss on our Part, as is scarcely to be parrallel'd in any Instance.

And though by our Repulse and Retreat from Ticonderoga, the sanguine Hopes we had entertained of Success in that Quarter, have been disappointed, yet the Enemy have gained no ground there, and Things are as they were on Hudson's River, the Beginning of the Campaign.

On the other Side, Major General Abercromby sent Brigadier Stanwix with a considerable Body of Provincials up the Mohawk's River, where a Fort has been built at the Oneida Station, whereby an important Pass is secured, through which one of the French Generals was to have made an Irruption last Spring, but was prevented by the Diligence of our Army, which advanced so fast, as to oblige the French General at Ticonderoga to recal him to oppose our Troops.

It was from this Station, that Lieut. Col. Bradstreet, in Consequence of Orders received from General Abercromby, proceeded to attack the French Fort Frontenac at Cadaraqui, which he accomplished, taking and destroying the Fort. This Event was attended with happy Circumstances: at this Place were taken all the Vessels the French had on the Lake, which have been burnt: In the Fort were found a great Number of Arms, an immense Quantity of Provisions and Indian Goods of all Kinds, being the Magazine from whence Niagara and the other French Posts Westward were to be furnished. These have all been destroyed or brought away, the Effects of which will be severely felt by the Enemy this Winter.

I mention the Events in North-America, as being near to you and more immediately engaging your Attention. I have, however, the Pleasure to acquaint you, that by the latest Advices, Affairs in Europe take a favourable Turn for his Majesty and his Allies, and we may hope for a happy Issue of the Campaign.

Gentlemen,

I have now to recommend to you, to proceed with Dispatch on the usual Business of this Season, and must acquaint you, that the publick Service has called me to Albany, once last Year, and twice this; which you will take into your Consideration.

On Representations from the Inhabitants of Ulster and Orange, of the Incursions of the Indians into their Settlements, I ordered an Officer and 24 additional Men into the Block-houses for their Protection; and Col. Hardenbergh having ordered a Party of Militia out, upon the Indians killing one of the Inhabitants within a Mile of the Church at Rochester, I directed him to keep them on the Scout, till the Danger of any further Mischief was over, when the

Accounts of the Expence accruing from this Service are brought in, they shall be laid before you. These Militia I have ordered to be dismist, as General Abercromby has ordered the light armed Infantry to be posted in those Parts: he has also acquainted me, that he would Order the New-York Regiment to be disbanded as soon as possible, and I am in daily Expectation of hearing it is done.

Gentlemen,

If there be any Laws to be revived or continued, or new to be made, for the Benefit of his Majesty's Subjects within my Government, you will find me ready to give my Assent to them.

City of New York JAMES DE LANCEY.
21st November 1758.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be forthwith Printed.

Mr Horsmanden moved that an humble Address be presented to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to,

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden, Mr Chambers and Mr Watts be a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they do prepare and lay the same before the House with all convenient speed.

The Council adjourned till Thursday Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday the 23d *day of November*, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor Read and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read and being Amended was agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Address be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was read and approved of and

Ordered to be signed by the Speaker and

The Speaker having signed the same

Ordered, that Mr Chambers and Mr Watts do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the humble address of the Council.

The said Gentlemen being returned Reported that they had waited on his Honour the Lieu Governor with the said Message and that he had been pleased to say he would receive the Councils Address to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Fryday, the 24th *day of November*, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and with

The Council went to present their Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the Council attended his Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, and read and presented the Councils Address to his Honour,

His Honour had been pleased to return a favourable answer thereto, which being read

Ordered, that the Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow:

To the Hono^ble^ JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Council for the Province of New York return your Honour our hearty thanks for your Speech.

We are glad of the opportunity of Congratulating your Honour on the success of his Majesty's Arms on the Reduction of the Island of Cape Breton and its Dependences: an acquisition of the utmost importance to the Trade of Great Britain and the safety of the northern Colonies: and most sincerely wish with your Honour that they may always continue in the British Possession.

The success of Lieutenant Colonel Bradstreet against Fort Frontenac, which has in the Event been attended with such happy circumstances, gives us the greatest pleasure, and we think *that* Atchievement redounds much to that Gentlemans Honour and the Publick service.

We cannot but much approve your Honours care and solicitude for the protection of the Frontiers in the Counties of Orange and Ulster, which have during this war suffered most severely by the Incursions of the Enemy and their Savages; and we are glad the Inhabitants will be relieved this Winter by General Abercromby's posting the Light Armed Infantry in their stead.

Your Honours Vigilance for the safety and welfare of all his Majesty's Subjects under your Government, We are well assured of; and hope you are perswaded that we have it most sincerely at heart to concur with your Endeavours in promoting the common good and the dispatch of the Business before us at this Session.

By order of the Council
ARCH^D^ KENNEDY Speaker.

Council Chamber City of
New York 23^d^ November 1758

The GOVERNORS Answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you kindly for your Address, and the favourable opinion you have of my care and solicitude for the Protection of the Frontiers. I shall always rely on your assistance in my Endeavours for promoting the common good.

City of New York
November 24th 1758

JAMES DE LANCEY.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday the 28th *day of November*, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble^* DANIEL HORSMANDEN Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esq^rs^

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Beekman and Colonel Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Lott and Colonel De Lancey with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the two Acts therein mentioned respecting the

regulating the Militia of New York with an addition thereto] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Snedeker with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled, An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said three Bills be Read.

Then the said three Bills were Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr De Lancey with the Bill Entituled, [An Act to impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the city of New York for the time being or the Major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding twelve hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and personal in the said City] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Winne and Capt Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising by a publick Lottery the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds for the use of the Corporation of the City of Albany] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 11 o clock to Morrow Morning.

Wednesday, the 29th day of November, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the five following Bills be now read the second time.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several duties and impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the two Acts therein mentioned respecting the Regulating the Militia of New York with an addition thereto]

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding twelve hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and personal in the said City] and

The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act Entituled, An Act for raising by a publick Lottery the sum of One thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds for the use of the Corporation of the City of Albany.]

Then the said five Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the two Acts therein mentioned respecting the Regulating the Militia of New York with an Addition thereto.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act for raising by a publick Lottery the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds for the use of the Corporation of the City of Albany] and

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by Virtue of An Act Entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the debts and the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said four Bills and directed him to report the said Bills without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read the third time.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 30th *day of November* 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Fryday, the 1st *day of December*, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker.

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding twelve hundred Pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City] and after some time spent thereon

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the two Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia of New York with an addition thereto] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of an Act Entituled an Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act for raising by a Publick Lottery the Sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five Pounds for the use of the Corporation of the City of Albany] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplanck and Mr Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several duties therein mentioned with an addition thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Wednesday, the 6th day of December, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cornel and Colonel Lott with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in North America with Additions thereto] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Snedeker with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace and Aldermen of the Burrough of Westchester County in Conjunction with the Supervizors of the said County to ascertain and fix the Place for electing (*sic*) a new Court House and Goal for the said County and for raising a sum not exceeding the sum of One thousand pounds on the Estates Real and personal of all the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said County for and towards erecting the said Court House and Goal] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Winne and Mr Snedeker with the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Snedeker and Mr Janse with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony with Additions thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office within this Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned with an addition thereto] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered, to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Taxing of Real and personal Estates in the City and County of New York, collecting the Taxes, and for preventing Disputes between Landlords and their Tenants] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday the 6th day of December, 1758. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered that the four following Bills be now read the second time viz:

The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in North America with additions thereto]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace and Aldermen of the Burrough of Westchester County in Conjunction with the Supervizors of the said County to ascertain and fix the Place for erecting a New Court House and Goal for the said County, and for raising a sum not exceeding the sum of one thousand pounds on the Estates real and personal of all the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said County for and towards erecting the said Court House and Goal.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty and

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony with additions thereto.]

Then the said Bills were Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the seventh day of December, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue an Act entituled An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several duties therein mentioned, with an addition thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from His Majesty's Forces in North America with additions thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony with additions thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace and Aldermen of the Burrough of Westchester County in Conjunction with the Supervizors of the said County to ascertain and fix the Place for erecting a New Court House and Goal for the said County and for raising a sum not exceeding the sum of one thousand pounds on the Estates Real and Personal of all the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said County for and towards erecting the said Court House and Goal] And after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cornell and Mr Miller with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for billetting and quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplanck and Mr Nicoll Desiring this House will appoint a Committee of their House to meet and join a Committee of the General Assembly at such time and place as this House shall appoint to prepare the draft of a Representation to be transmitted to his Majesty touching the Expence of this Colony in furnishing Provisions for the Forces raised by this Colony in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty six and touching the vast Expence the Colony has been put to this present year one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight in raising Cloathing and Paying their Forces for carrying the war into the Enemy's Country.

Ordered that Mr Smith, Mr Watts and Mr Walton be a Committee to join the Committee of the General Assembly to meet at the House of Edward Willet in this City at 6 o clock this Evening.

Ordered that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have appointed Mr Smith, Mr Watts and Mr Walton a Committee of their House to join the Committee of the General Assembly to prepare the draft of a Representation to be transmitted to his Majesty touching the Expence of this Colony in furnishing Provisions for the Forces raised by this Colony in the year 1756 and touching the Expence the Colony has been put to this present year in raising Cloathing and paying their Forces for carrying the Warr into the Enemy's Country; and that the Council have appointed that the said Committee should meet at the House of Edward Willet in this City at 6 o clock to Morrow Evening.

A Message from the General Assembly with the Bill Entituled [An Act for laying a Duty on Goods sold at Vendue, Auction or Outcry within the City and County of New York] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

The the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the 8th day of December, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
JOHN WATTS.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for billeting and Quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] and the Bill Entituled [An Act for laying a Duty on Goods sold at Publick Vendue, Auction or Outcry within the City and County of New York] be now read the second time.

Then the said two Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cornell and Mr Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Supervizors of Queens County to raise by Tax on all Real and personal Estates in the said County such sum or sums of Money as they shall judge necessary and Expedient for Relieving such parts of the said County as are burthened with the Quartering his Majesty's Regular Troops] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Crueger acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have appointed Mr Verplank, Col Philipse, Mr Thomas, Col De Lancey, and themselves to be a Committee to meet and join a Committee of the Council at the time and place appointed in the Message of the Council yesterday.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning eleven o clock.

Monday, the 11th *day of December*, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Philipse and Captn Renselaer with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the peace to try causes to the value of Five pounds and under and for repealing the two Acts therein mentioned] with the amendment made thereto by the Council acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendment and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Captain Winne with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine and other services therein mentioned] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Supervizors of Queens County to raise by a Tax on all Real and personal Estates in the said County such sum or sums of Money as they shall Judge Necessary and Expedient for relieving such parts of the said County as are burthened with the Quartering his Majestys Regular Troops] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, And after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the Whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council being informed that Benjamin Nicoll Esqr Councilor at Law attended without and desired to be admitted. He was called in and moved that he might have leave to take a Copy of the Bill Entituled [An Act for laying a Duty on Goods sold at Publick Vendue, Auction or Outcry within the City and County of New York.]

Ordered, that he have leave to take a copy of the said Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for billeting and Quartering his Majestys Forces within this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven o clock.

Tuesday, the 12th *day of December*, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine and other services therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to Restrain the Feeding and burning the Grass and Cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 13th *day of December*, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Taxing of Real and personal Estates in the City and County of New York, collecting the Taxes and for preventing disputes between Landlords and their Tenants] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony for stamping all Vellum, Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in North America with Additions thereto] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace and Aldermen of the Borough of Westchester County in Conjunction with the Supervizors of the said County to ascertain and fix the place for erecting a New Court House and Goal for the said County, and for raising a sum not exceeding the Sum of One thousand Pounds on the Estates Real and personal of all the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said County for and towards Erecting the said Court House and Goal] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and fifty nine to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of Foreign Growth retailed within this Colony with additions thereto] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for Billeting and Quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] be now Read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower and Enable the Supervizors of Queens County to raise by a Tax on all Real and personal Estates in the said County such sum or sums of Money as they shall Judge Necessary and Expedient for Relieving such parts of the said County as are burthened with the Quartering his Majesty's Regular Troops] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine and other services therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to restrain the Feeding and Burning the Grass and Cutting the Timber on Certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Snedeker and Mr Walton with the Bill Entituled [An Act more Effectually to prevent the Killing of Deer and fireing the Woods within this Colony] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 14th *day of December*, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to prevent the killing of Deer and fireing the Woods within this Colony] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to morrow afternoon three o clock.

Friday, the 15th *day of December*, 1758. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Smith from the joint Committee of the Council and General Assembly Reported that the Committee had prepared the draft of a Representation to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor which he read in his Place and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the draft was again read and agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have agreed to the draft of a Representation to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor prepared by the joint Committee of both Houses.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Mathews and Captain Winne acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have agreed to the draft of a Representation to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor prepared by the joint Committee of both Houses, and desire the same may be Engrossed.

Ordered that the said Representation be engrossed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 16th *day of December*, 1758.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The engrossed Representation to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was read and approved of and

Ordered, to be signed by the Speaker and being signed accordingly

Ordered, that Mr Walton do carry the same to the General Assembly in order to be signed by the Speaker of that House and acquaint the House that the Council have appointed Mr Smith and Mr Watts to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor with such Members as that House shall appoint in order to lay the said Representation before his Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

Ordered that the Representation be entered in the Minutes, which is as follows vizt

To the Honourable JAMES DELANCEY, Esq; his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over the Colony of New-York and the Territories depending thereon in America.

The REPRESENTATION of His Majesty's Council, and the General Assembly of the Province of New-York.

Humbly Sheweth,

That prior to the Knowledge of his Majesty's gracious Intentions to furnish Provisions for his Provincial Troops, signified in a Letter from the Right Honourable Henry Fox, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State bearing Date the thirteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and fifty six, this Colony did furnish Provisions for one thousand three hundred and fifteen Men, and transported the said Provisions to the City of Albany, Fort Edward and Fort William Henry, which Expence, in the whole amounted to Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty One Pounds, Nine Shillings and Three-farthings, New-York Money. That although Part of the said Expence hath been paid by the Contractors with the Government for the Supply of the Army with such Provisions; yet other Part thereof, amounting to the Sum of, Five Thousand Two Hundred and Ten Pounds Eight Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny, like Money, which had been expended before the said Contractors had taken upon themselves the Duty of furnishing such Supplies, doth remain unpaid.

That the Colonies of the Massachusetts Bay and Connecticut have been allowed and reimbursed by his Majesty, for all the Provisions, together with the Expences of Transportation, which had been furnished by them for their Provincial Forces within that Year.

That in this present Year one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, pursuant to his Majesty's Pleasure, signified by the Right Honourable William Pitt, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, in a Letter, dated the thirtieth of December, one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven; This Colony hath raised, cloathed and paid, two thousand six hundred and eighty Men (Officers included) which have been employed against his Majesty's Enemies, which Expence by Act of the Legislature, hath caused an Emission of One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Paper Bills of Credit, which was the only Method it had in its Power to answer the present Emergency; which Sum at present stands charged on this Colony, to be paid and sunk by Taxes laid on the real and personal Estates of its Inhabitants.

That of the said Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, there has been expended in Payment and Cloathing of the said Troops by Oliver Delancey, Beverly Robinson and John Cruger, Esquires, Paymasters and Commissaries appointed by the said Act, the sum of Fifty Nine Thousand Pounds. There has been also paid to the several Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels and Majors, to enable them to provide themselves Necessaries for the present Campaign, pursuant to the Directions of the said Act, the further Sum of Four Hundred and Sixty Pounds; likewise to the several Captains for the Bounty allowed by the said Act to Persons entering voluntarily into the said Service and for the Expences of Inlistment, the further Sum of Twenty Seven Thousand and Ninety Four Pounds. All which Sums have been paid pursuant to Warrants drawn by your Honour in Council.

That the Residue of the said Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, being Thirteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty Six Pounds, is also nearly expended in the Payment of the

Militia of the Counties of Albany, Ulster, Dutchess and Orange, on sundry Alarms, and will fall greatly short of a Sum sufficient to pay the several just Demands still due from this Colony, to the said Counties for the like Services.

That the Troops aforesaid, were in the Field much earlier than any Troops from the other Provinces, and were imployed in the severe Services of transporting Provisions in Battoes to Fort Edward, and cutting a Road from thence to Fort William Henry.

That after the unhappy Repulse at Ticonderoga (in which many of them fell) the Remainder were sent to the Oneida Station, and out of them were taken above one third of the Army that under the Command of Colonel Bradstreet, not only took and destroyed Fort Frontenac at Cadaraqui, with the vast Stock of Provisions and warlike Stores lodged there, but also every Vessel the Enemy had at Lake Ontario; a Service that reflects as much Honour on the Troops who performed it, as it has brought Distress on the Enemy's Garrisons to the Westward, which from that Event cannot be relieved without the greatest Labour and Hazard, if relieved at all.

That the Remainder of the Troops of this Province were imployed in Building the Oneida Fort; and being rejoined by the Detachment under Colonel Bradstreet, continued in that Service, 'till the same Fort was finished, in the latter End of November last; during which Campaign by Reason of excessive Fatigues, laborious Marches and the Hardships of an Incampment in the Wilderness and the Want of Necessaries suited to their Diseases, great Numbers lost their Lives, and at the Time of their Discharge were found to be greatly reduced.

That the Burthen of the present War has fallen so heavy on this small Colony, that the Number of Hands employed in the Battoe Service and in Land Carriages and in the Provincial Troops, has been so great, that according to Computations which have been most exact, it appears that nearly every fifth Man in the Province has been imployed in his Majesty's Service in the present Campaign.

That the Emission of Bills of Credit within this present Year, together with former Emissions, which the Exigencies of the Colony rendered unavoidable, have so greatly increased our publick Debts, that the Paper Currency which has been substituted in Lieu of ready Money, for making of immediate Payments is in great Danger of being depreciated, and the Colony so impoverished by the Excessive Weight of Taxes already laid on the People, that we find our Abilities far short of our Inclination to assist in any future Operations, unless we are in some very considerable Degree supported by the Parliament of Great Britain.

For such Relief we are encouraged to hope not only from his Majesty's gracious Intentions declared by his Secretaries of State in the Letters before mentioned, but for many other Instances of the Zeal and Forwardness of this Colony in promoting the common Cause against his Majesty's Enemies in the present War.

And here we beg Leave to remind your Honour, that in the Year one thousand seven hundred and fifty four, we transmitted Five Thousand Pounds, to the Government of Virginia, to assist that Province in its Defence against the French and their Indians, which they had gained over to their Party.

That also in the Year one thousand seven hundred and fifty five, this Colony appropriated for the general Service, a further Sum of Five Thousand Pounds, the greatest Part whereof was applied by your Honour, at the Request of General Braddock, in transporting under the Command of Captain (now Colonel) Bradstreet a Number of regular Troops to Oswego furnishing Batteau's for that Service, and subsisting those Troops with Provisions, and the Residue of the said Sum has been applied to the like Purposes.

That also this Colony within that Year supported eight hundred Provincial Troops at Lake George under the Command of Sir William Johnson. Besides these Services done by our Provincials, the Militia of the Colony were exposed to frequent Marches on Alarms of the Approach of the Enemy, in different Parts of the Frontiers, but more especially by the Attack of the Enemy under the Baron Dieskau at Lake George.

That in the same Year, this Colony also contributed Eight Thousand Pounds to the Colony of Connecticut, to assist it to support the Troops furnished by that Colony.

That within the Year one thousand seven hundred and fifty six, this Colony, at its own proper Charge, besides the Expence of the Provisions aforesaid, raised, cloathed, armed and paid, one thousand three hundred and fifteen Men, for his Majesty's Service.

That in the Year one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, pursuant to the Requisition of the Earl of Loudoun, this Colony raised, cloathed and paid one thousand Men, which was the whole Number required by his Lordship, and which went compleat into the Field, and continued in Service 'till his Lordship disbanded all but two hundred of them, who were kept in Pay of this Colony at his Lordship's Request, to act in Conjunction with the regular Troops during the following Winter Season. But here it becomes our Duty to acknowledge his Majestys Grace and Bounty in the Gift of Fifteen Thousand Pounds Sterling which enabled this Colony to pay great Part of that Expence.

Within this same Year, the whole Militia of this Colony were put into Motion, and a large Proportion of them sent to relieve Fort William Henry upon the Alarm of its being invested by the Enemy and did not return 'till after the Surrender of that Place.

As to the Proofs of the Expences of this Colony in furnishing Provisions in the Year one thousand seven hundred and fifty six, and the Expences of this present Year, as far as they have at this Time come to our Knowledge, we have taken Care that the same may be properly authenticated, and do herewith deliver them to your Honour.

We his Majesty's Council and the Representatives in General Assembly for this Province of New York, well knowing that this Province from its commodious Situation on the Atlantick Ocean, in the midst of all the British Colonies, and its inland Navigation, which admits of an easy Passage from Canada, and the remotest Lakes, thro' the same to the Ocean, has long been the Envy, and the Conquest of it the Object of the Ambition of France. Hence have sprung the many Encroachments which have been made by the French, particularly within this Province at Crown Point and Niagara; their unwearied Endeavours at all Times to corrupt and alienate the Affections and Allegiance of our Five Nations of Indians and their bloody Cruelties repeatedly committed by them on our Frontiers.

And being deeply sensible of the Justice and Necessity of the present War, and its vast Importance with Regard to the Freedom, Sovereignty and Independency of Great-Britain itself, should these American Provinces with their extensive Territories, commercial Advantages and numerous Inhabitants, unhappily fall under the Dominion of France; we have exerted our utmost Strength to prevent it, and chearfully paid all the Taxes which have been laid upon us, and incurred a Debt, which in our weak and infant State, cannot be discharged until many future Years are expired.

Under this View of the State of this Colony, we humbly hope, that, that Part of the Debts remaining due for Provisions in the Year one thousand seven hundred and fifty six, and the present Year's Expence (wherein we have greatly exceeded our Abilities, in Confidence of the Encouragement given by his Majesty) will be reimbursed, and that the discharge of them will be provided for by the Parliament of Great Britain.

We therefore most humbly beseech your Honour, with the most pressing Instances on your Part, to lay the Case of this Colony before his Majesty, that the Relief which we have been encouraged to hope for, may be graciously obtained.

By Order of the Council
DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Speaker.

City of New York
the 16th December 1758.

By Order of the G. Assembly
DAVID JONES, Speaker.

The Council adjourned till 3 o'clock Post Meridiem.

Saturday, the 16th *day of December*, 1758. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Smith reported that himself and Mr Watts had according to order waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and presented to him the Representation of the Council and General Assembly, and that his Honour had been pleased to say he would transmit the same to his Majesty's Ministers to be laid before his Majesty.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having signifyed to the Council that he proposed giving his Assent to the Bills prepared for it this afternoon at his House in the Bowry Lane.

The Council therefore went to his Honour's said Residence, Where being met

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly at the Council Chamber at his Honour's Residence and the General Assembly attending accordingly

His Honour was pleased to give his Assent to seventeen Bills the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine and other services therein mentioned.

An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for Erecting and establishing a Stamp Office in this Colony, for stamping all Vellum Parchment and Paper charged with the several Duties therein mentioned with an Addition thereto.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony with additions thereto.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the two Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia of New York with an addition thereto.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for Billeting and Quartering his Majestys Forces within this Colony.

An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majestys Forces in North America with additions thereto.

An Act to Empower Justices of the Peace to try Causes to the value of five pounds and under.

An Act further to continue the currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act more effectually to prevent the killing of Deer and fireing the Woods within this Colony.

An Act to regulate the taxing of Real and personal Estates in the City and County of New York, collecting the Taxes, and for preventing disputes between Landlords and their Tenants.

An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding twelve hundred pounds, by a Tax on Estates real and personal in the said City.

An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for raising by a Publick Lottery the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds for the use of the Corporation of the City of Albany.

An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace and Aldermen of the Borrough of Westchester County in conjunction with the Supervizors of the said County to ascertain and fix the Place for erecting a new Court House and Goal for the said County, and for raising a sum not exceeding the sum of one thousand pounds on the Estates Real and Personal of all the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said County, for and towards Erecting the said Court House and Goal.

An Act to empower and enable the Supervizors of Queens County to raise by a Tax on all Real and Personal Estates in the said County such sum or sums of money as they shall judge necessary and expedient for Relieving such parts of the said County as are burthened with the Quartering his Majestys Regular Troops.

An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and Cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned.

After which the said Acts were published and his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and the General Assembly being returned into the Council Chamber, His Honour addressing himself to the Speaker of the General Assembly, said

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

I intend now to dissolve this General Assembly, not from any distaste of their Proceedings On the contrary I take this Publick Occasion of thanking them, and declaring that I think they have done a Great deal for the service of their King and of their Country, and that you merit the approbation and thanks of your constituents. But as his Majesty's Commands for the operations of the ensuing year against the Enemy, are not yet come over, and probably will not arrive here till near the time when this Assembly must expire by the Limitation of the Septenial Act, in which event, if this Assembly could not during their Continuance go through the Business then to be recommended to them, the Publick service would be delayed and perhaps disapointed.

I have therefore thought fit to dissolve this General Assembly and I do by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majestys Council DISSOLVE this present General Assembly, and they are DISSOLVED accordingly. And I shall immediately seal Writts calling a new one to meet as soon as the Law allows.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVI., 145.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS in pursuance of his Majesty's Writts bearing date the *sixteenth* day of *December* last, the Representatives to be chosen by virtue of the said Writts are to be and appear at the City of *New York* on *Fryday* the *twenty sixth* day of *January* Instant to assist in a General Assembly to be then and there held for the said Province. I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to prorogue the said General Assembly and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council prorogue the said General Assembly to *Wednesday* the *thirty first* day of *January* Instant then to meet and proceed on Business. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty sixth* day of *January* 1759 in the *thirty second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D. Secry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ASSEMBLY FIRST SESSION

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York *begun and holden at the City Hall of the City of* New York *on* Wednesday *the* 31st *day of* January 1759 *in the thirty second year of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Second *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *&c.*

The Honoble James De Lancey Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America having been pleased on Saturday the sixteenth day of December last to Dissolve the General Assembly of the said Province Writts were Issued for electing Representatives to serve in a new one returnable the twenty sixth Instant. But his Honour the Lieutenant Governor having by advice of his Majesty's Council on that day issued a Proclamation proroguecing the General Assembly until this day.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of such Members of the General Assembly as were qualified.

Seventeen members appearing accordingly His Honour was pleased to order them to return to the Assembly Chamber and chuse a Speaker and present him for his approbation at 4 o clock to morrow afternoon.

His Honour then left the Council Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Afternoon 4 o clock.

Thursday, the first day of February, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber, seventeen members of the General Assembly who were Qualified attended in pursuance of his Honour's Directions yesterday and presented William Nicoll Esqr as their Speaker for his Honour's approbation Who was pleased to approve of the said William Nicoll as Speaker.

The said Speaker then addressing himself to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, made a short apology Expressing his sense of his own inabilities, and desiring his Honour to direct another Choice, which being refused by his Honour, Mr Speaker in behalf of the whole House desired that their words and actions might always have a favourable construction, that the Members might from time to time, have free Access to his Honour, and that they and their servants might be priviledged and protected as usual To which his Honour was pleased to say That their Words and Actions should always have a favourable Construction with him, and that all their Just Rights and priviledges should be maintained.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and to deliver one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another Copy to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Honour then returned to his Residence.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor Speech be read. And being read accordingly it was

Ordered to be entered in the minutes and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

I take this Opportunity of our first Meeting to congratulate you on the Success of his Majesty's Forces under the Command of Brigadier General Forbes, who after many Difficulties and Disappointments, oblidg'd the Enemy to abandon and destroy Fort Duquesne. An Event which restores a large and extensive Territory to his Majesty's Subjection, and will reestablish and strengthen the British credit in those Parts.

I thought it proper you should meet at this Time, being in daily Expectation of receiving his Majesty's Commands with Regard to the Operations against the Enemy next Season. As these are not yet come, I shall recommend to you, some few Things which appear to me to be for the publick Utility, and to merit your Consideration.

In all trading Places which are difficult of Access, as this Port is, it is expedient that the Pilots and their Pilotage be regulated by Law. This is now more especially necessary, when his Majesty's Service must lead many of his own Ships, as well as others taken up for his Use, to this Port. You will therefore revive the Law for this Purpose, which expired the first of last Month, with any Additions that may be judged needful.

The Act for impressing Horses, Carriages, &c. to carry on his Majesty's Service in this Province, should be revised and modell'd in such Manner as to make it effectual, and at the same Time to guard against any abuses.

When the Labour of every Subject is so valuable to the publick as it now is, the Liberty of their Persons becomes more immediately the Object of the Legislature. In this View, I recommend to you the preparing a Bill for preventing frivolous and vexatious Arrests, or any other that may answer so salutary an End.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

Some Expences have accrued the last Year, for the necessary Defence of the Counties of Ulster and Orange against the Incursions of the Indians, which should be provided for, as also any other Debts of the Government.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

Nothing can be a stronger Proof of the Wisdom of a Legislature than providing for the future Security and Prosperity of their Country. I therefore recommend it to you seriously to consider of some Plan, for forming under proper Regulations, strong Settlements on the Frontiers. We have rich and very valuable Lands on the Borders of this Province, and should avail ourselves of the Advantages which may offer at the End of the War, to promote and encourage such Settlements as may be a Barrier to us against the Enemy. We may rely on his Majestys Countenancing, any well concerted Measure for this Purpose, and have Reason to hope for his royal Aid and Assistance to carry it into Execution. We have severely felt in the Beginning of this War the Effects of former Inattention. Lay therefore, the Foundations of future Security now, when these are fresh in your Memories, to prevent the like evil Effects hereafter.

Gentlemen,

These are the Matters that have occurred to me, as fitting to be recommended to you. Any Bills you shall prepare, will have their due Weight with me, as I can have no Motive to influence my Conduct, but the Duty I owe to the King, and the Service of the Country.

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Ordered, that his Honours Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Chambers then moved that an humble address might be presented by this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Honour accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden Mr Chambers and Mr Watts be a Committee to propose a draft of the said Address and that they do prepare and bring in the same to Morrow Afternoon.

The Council adjourned til to Morrow Afternoon 4 o clock.

Friday, the 2d day of February, 1759. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers from the Committee appointed to prepare the draft of an Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor reported that the Committee had prepared a draft thereof which he read in his Place and then delivered the same in at the Table, where it was again read, and being agreed to was

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was read and approved of.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the said engrossed Address.

And the Speaker having signed the said Address

Ordered, that Mr Chambers and Mr Watts do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the humble Address of the Council.

The said Gentlemen being returned Reported that they had waited on his Honour with the said Message and that he had been pleased to say he would receive the Council's Address to Morrow at 12 o clock at the City Hall.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow twelve o clock.

Saturday, the third day of February, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker and the Gentlemen of the Council retired into another Room to present their Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Reported that having with the Council attended his Honour the Lieutenant Governour and read and presented to him the Councils Address His Honour had been pleased to return a favourable answer thereto which being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow.

To the Honoble JAMES DE LANCEY Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America.

The humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour,

We his Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Council of this Province of New York return your Honour our thanks, for your Speech, and heartily rejoice with you on the success of his Majesty's Forces, under the Command of Brigadier General Forbes, at Fort Duquesne, which restores so extensive & valuable a part of his Majesty's Territories (most unjustly Encroach'd upon by the French in the time of profound Peace) and which we doubt not will reestablish the British Credit and Influence in those parts.

We beg leave to assure your Honour, our Endeavours shall not be wanting to forward the several matters recommended in your Speech, and particularly that important concern of

preparing to make strong Settlements on our Frontiers when the war shall End, a matter highly worthy of the Attention of the Legislature, and we doubt not of his Majesty's Gracious Aid in so Salutary a Measure for the Safety and Prosperity of these Colonies.

By order of the Council,

City of New York
2d of February 1759.

ARCHo KENNEDY, Speaker.

His Honour THE LIEUTENANT GOVrs Answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this Address and the Assurances you give me of your forwarding the several Matters recommended to you, especially that important one which so nearly concerns the future Prosperity of this Country.

City of New York
3d February 1759.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

Ordered, that the Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Thursday next the 8th Instant at 11 o clock.

Thursday, the eighth day of February, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Smith moved that as his Honour the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to recommend to the Council and General Assembly "seriously to consider of some Plan for forming under proper Regulations strong Settlements on the Frontiers which may be a Barrier to us against the Enemy" a Committee of this House might be appointed to take that matter into consideration, and that the General Assembly should be desired to appoint a Committee of their House to join the Committee of the Council.

Which motion being seconded and agreed to

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden, Mr Chambers, Mr Smith, Mr Watts and Mr Walton or any three or more of them be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for the purposes aforesaid.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have appointed Mr Horsmanden, Mr Chambers, Mr Smith, Mr Watts and Mr Walton or any three or more of them a committee to take into Consideration that part of his Honour the Lieutenant Governors Speech, wherein his Honour is pleased to recommend to the Council and General Assembly "seriously to consider of some Plan for forming under proper Regulations, strong settlements on the Frontiers which may be a barrier to us against the Enemy." And to report their opinion as to what they shall judge expedient to be done thereupon. And that the Council desire the General Assembly will appoint a Committee of their House to meet and join the Committee of the Council for the purpose aforesaid.

The Council adjourned till Thursday the 15 Instant at 11 o clock in the morning.

Thursday, the 15th *day of February*, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Miller acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have appointed Colo De Lancey, Mr Verplanck, Colo Seaman, Captain

Seaman, Col° Haasbrouck, Mr Walton, Mr Wm Livingston, Mr Lispenard, Col° Philips and Alderman Livingston or the major part of them a Committee to meet and join the Committee appointed by the Council at such time and place as they shall appoint to take into Consideration that part of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech wherein his Honour is pleased to recommend to the Council and General Assembly "seriously to consider of some Plan for forming under proper Regulations strong settlements on the Frontiers which may be a Barrier to us against the Enemy" and to report their opinion as to what they shall judge expedient to be done thereupon.

Ordered, that the said Joint Committee of the Council and General Assembly do meet to morrow afternoon at six o Clock at the House of Edward Willet in this City: that they have Power to send for persons Papers and Records, and to adjourn from day to day and to any other Place as they shall see occasion.

Ordered, that the Honoble William Walton Esquire do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have appointed that the joint Committees of the Council and General Assembly do meet to morrow afternoon at six o Clock at the House of Edward Willet in this City: and that the Council have empowered their Committee to adjourn from day to day and to any other Place as they shall find occasion, and to send for Persons Papers and Records.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Lispenard and Mr Verplanck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Friday, the 16th *day of February*, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. De Lancy and Alderman Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Albany, and the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the Borough of Westchester, severally to determine Causes of five pounds and under within their several Districts desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till Thursday next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Thursday, the 20th *day of February*, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor which was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows.

Gentlemen,

I have now the Pleasure to acquaint you, that I have received the Commands of our most gracious King, ever attentive to the Welfare and lasting Prosperity of all his Subjects, relativo

to the Operations of the approaching Campaign, by Letter bearing Date the 9th of December, from the Right Honourable Mr Secretary Pitt, signifying that his Majesty having nothing so much at Heart as to improve the great and important Advantages gained last Campaigne, as well as to repair the Disappointment at Tionderoga, and by the most vigorous and extensive Efforts to avert, by the Blessing of God, on his Arms, all Dangers which may threaten North America, from any future Irruptions of the French. And that the King not doubting that all his faithful and brave Subjects here, will chearfully co-operate with and second to the utmost, the large Expence and extraordinary Succours supplied by Great-Britain for their Preservation and Defence: And his Majesty considering that the several Provinces in particular from Proximity and Accessibility of Situation, more immediately obnoxious to the main Irruptions of the Enemy from Canada, are of themselves well able to furnish, at least twenty thousand Men, to join a Body of the British Forces for invading Canada, and carrying War into the Heart of the Enemys Possessions: And his Majesty not judging it expedient to limit the Zeal and Ardour of any of his Provinces, by making a Repartition of the Force to be raised by each respectively for this most important Service: It is his Majesty's Pleasure that I should forthwith use my utmost Endeavours and Influence with you, to raise with all possible Dispatch within this Government, as large a Body of Men as you did the last Year, and even as many more as the Number of its Inhabitants may allow; to be formed into Regiments, and to hold themselves in Readiness as early as may be, to march to the Rendezvous which his Majesty's Commander in Chief in North-America shall appoint, in order to proceed from thence in Conjunction with a Body of the King's British Forces and under the supreme Command of his Majesty's Commander in Chief in America, so as to be in a Situation, to begin the Operations of the Campaign as soon as possible, by attempting to make an Irruption into Canada, in such Way and according to such Circumstances as his Majesty's Commander in Chief shall judge most effectual; And the better to facilitate this important Service, the King is pleased to leave it to me to issue Commissions to such Gentlemen of this Province as I shall judge from their Weight and Credit with the People, and their Zeal for the publick Service, may be best disposed and able to quicken and effectuate it; the whole Forces, when joined, to be under a due Subordination to his Majesty's Commander in Chief: And all Officers as high as Colonels, inclusive, for their Encouragement, are to have rank according to their several respective Commissions, agreeable to the Regulations contained in his Majesty's Warrant of the 30th of December, 1757.

The King is also pleased to furnish all the Men so raised, with Arms, Ammunition and Tents, as well as to order Provisions to be issued to them by his Majesty's Commissaries, in the same Proportion and Manner, as is done to the rest of the Kings Forces. A sufficient Train of Artillery will be provided for the Operations of the Campaign. Boats and Vessels necessary for the Transportation of the Army on this Expedition, will also be provided at the Kings Charge. The whole therefore that his Majesty expects, and requires from the several Provinces, is the levying, cloathing and paying of the Men: And on those Heads also, that no Encouragement may be wanting to this great and salutary Attempt, the King is further most graciously pleased to permit the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt to acquaint me, that strong Recommendations will be made to Parliament, in their Session next Year, to grant a proper Compensation for such Expences as above, according as the active Vigour and strenuous Efforts of the respective Provinces, shall justly appear to merit.

I am also to inform you, that similar Orders are sent by the same Conveyance, to New-Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Jersey. The Southern Governments are also directed to raise Men in the same Manner, to be imployed in such offensive Operations, as the Circumstances and Situation of the Enemies Posts in those Parts may point out, which it is hoped, will oblige them to divide their Attention and Forces, as will render the several Attempts more easy and successful.

Gentlemen,

This is what I had to lay before you by his Majesty's Command; and can any Thing animate your Zeal, on this important Occasion more than the Consideration that the large Expence and extraordinary Succours of your Mother Country have nothing else for their Object, than to avert all Dangers that may threaten you from any future Attempts of the French? You will therefore, with Alacrity second, to the utmost, Measures calculated for your own Defence and Preservation.

The King is carrying on a War in Europe to maintain the protestant Religion, and defend the common Cause of Liberty and Independency. In which he is chearfully and vigourously supported by the united Voice of his People, manifested in the Addresses of the Lords and Commons. Let the same Spirit which actuates them, animate you, that we may proceed with the utmost Application and Dispatch in this urgent and decisive Crisis: I do therefore, most earnestly recommend to you, that you will immediately set about this necessary Work, and come to speedy and vigorous Resolutions, that there may be no delay on our Parts, and that the Forces of this Province may be ready to attend his Majesty's Commander in Chief, whenever he shall begin his Operations.

The Success of his Majesty's Arms by the Blessing of God in the Reduction of the strong Fortress of Louisburgh, under the Conduct of his Excellency General Amherst, I look upon as a happy Presage, by the same divine Blessing of future Success under his Direction: may you then, and the other Northern Colonies, so strengthen his Hands, as to enable him to remove the Enemy at such a Distance, that we may never hereafter dread their Attempts or cruel Irruptions.

Gentlemen,

I am sensible of your Loyalty and Duty to his Majesty, and am persuaded you will give Proofs thereof at this Crisis.

I send you a Copy of General Amhersts Letter to me, of the 16th Instant.

City of New York JAMES DE LANCEY.
19th February 1759.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 21st *day of February*, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered that the Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till Friday the 2d day of March next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Friday, the second day of March, 1759.

The Council met According to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wm Livingston and Colo Philipse with the Bill Entituled [An Act for confirming and rendring effectual the several Assignments Sales and Conveyances made of the Real Estate of such Insolvent Debtors who have given up their Effects for the Benefit of their Creditors, in pursuance of An Act Entituled [An Act to enable the Creditors of Insolvent Debtors who are willing to give up their Effects to dispose of the same for the Benefit of the Creditors and to release the said debtors from Imprisonment] Or in pursuance of another Act Entituled [An Act to enable the assignees of Insolvent debtors more effectually to dispose of the Estates of such Debtors for the Benefit of their Creditors and for other purposes therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col° De Lancey and Mr Verplanck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising a supply of one hundred thousand pounds for levying paying and clothing two thousand six hundred and Eighty effective Men, Officers included, for forming with the Forces of the Neighbouring Colonies an Army of Twenty thousand men to Invade in conjunction with a Body of his Majesty's Regular Troops the French Possessions in Canada For Emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short Periods] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Albany, and the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the Borough of Westchester severally to determine Causes of five pounds and under within their several Districts] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Ordered, that the Bill entituled [An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock P. M.

Friday, the 2d day of March, 1759. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for confirming and rendering effectual the several Assignments Sales and Conveyances made of the Real Estate of such Insolvent Debtors who have given up their Effects for the Benefit of their Creditors in pursuance of An Act Entituled [An Act to enable the Creditors of Insolvent Debtors who are willing to give up their Effects to dispose of the same for the Benefit of the Creditors and to release the said Debtors from Imprisonment] or in pursuance of another Act Entituled [An Act to enable the Assignees of Insolvent Debtors more Effectually to dispose of the Estates of such Debtors, for the Benefit of their Creditors and for other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising a Supply of one hundred thousand pounds for Levying Paying and Cloathing two thousand six hundred and Eighty effective Men Officers included, for forming with the Forces of the Neighbouring Colonies an Army of twenty thousand Men to invade in conjunction with a Body of his Majesty's Regular Troops the French Possessions in Canada For Emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in Short Periods] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the third day of March, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Captain Winne with the Bill Entituled [An Act for Impressing the several persons and things and repealing the several Acts therein mentioned] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hicks and Col Lott with the Bill Entituled [An Act to oblige certain Persons in Queens County to inlist themselves in the District or Beat where they respectively reside] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Monday morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the 5th day of March, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DAN^L HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Winne and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein mentioned] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising a supply of one hundred thousand pounds, for levying paying and Clothing two thousand six hundred and eighty effective Men, Officers included, for forming with the Forces of the Neighbouring Colonies an Army of twenty thousand Men to invade in Conjunction with a Body of his Majesty's Regular Troops the French Possessions in Canada For Emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum and for sinking and Cancelling the said Bills in short periods] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act for confirming and rendering effectual the several Assignments, Sales and Conveyances made of the Real Estates of such Insolvent Debtors who have given up their Effects for the Benefit of their Creditors in pursuance of An Act Entituled [An Act to enable the Creditors of Insolvent Debtors who are willing to give up their effects to dispose of the same for the benefit

of the Creditors and to release the said Debtors from Imprisonment] or in pursuance of another Act Entituled [An Act to enable the Assignees of Insolvent Debtors more effectually to dispose of the Estates of such Debtors for the Benefit of their Creditors and for other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered, a third Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled, [An Act for Impressing the several Persons and Things and repealing the several Acts therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to oblige certain Persons in Queens County to enlist themselves in the District or Beat where they respectively reside] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the same (*sic*) time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 6th day of March, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

Daniel Horsmanden,
John Chambers,
William Smith,
John Watts,
William Walton, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising a supply of one hundred thousand pounds for levying paying and cloathing two thousand six hundred and eighty effective Men Officers included for forming with the Forces of the neighbouring Colonies an Army of twenty thousand Men to invade in Conjunction with a Body of his Majesty's Regular Troops the French Possessions in Canada, for Emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum, and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short periods] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for confirming and rendering effectual the several Assignments, Sales and Conveyances made of the Real Estates of such Insolvent Debtors who have given up their Effects for the Benefit of their Creditors in pursuance of An Act Entituled [An Act to enable the Creditors of Insolvent Debtors who are willing to give up their Effects to dispose of the same for the Benefit of the Creditors and to release the said Debtors from Imprisonment] or in pursuance of another Act Entituled [An Act to enable the Assignees of Insolvent Debtors more effectually to dispose of the Estates of such Debtors for the Benefit of their Creditors] and for other purposes therein mentioned be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for impressing the several Persons and things and repealing the several Acts therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and
Ordered that the said Bill be now read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.
Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the the said two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein mentioned] be now read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Council adjourned till to morrow afternoon 3 o Clock.

Wednesday, the 7th day of March, 1759. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Captain Lispenard with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the buying exchanging or taking in Pawn of or from any Indian or Indians, any Arms Ammunition or Cloathing in the Counties of Albany Ulster Dutches and Orange] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the second time.
The said Bill was then read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
Then the Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.
Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.
A Message from the General Assembly by Colo De Lancey and Alderman Livingston desireing that the Council would acquaint that House how far they have proceeded in the Bill sent up for their Concurrence Entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York; The Mayor Recorder & Aldermen of the City of Albany and the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the Borough of Westchester severally to determine Causes of five Pounds and under within their several Districts.]
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of that House, and the General Assembly attending accordingly
His Honour was pleased in the presence of the Council and General Assembly to give his Assent to the five Bills, prepared for it, the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act for raising a supply of one hundred thousand pounds for levying Paying and Cloathing two thousand six hundred and eighty effective Men, Officers included, for forming with the Forces of the Neighbouring Colonies, an army of Twenty thousand Men, to invade in conjunction with a Body of his Majesty's Regular Troops, the French possessions in Canada, For Emitting Bills of Credit for the like sum and for sinking and Cancelling the said Bills in short Periods.

An Act for impressing the several Persons and things and Repealing the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act for Regulating the Pilots and Establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for Confirming and Rendering effectual the several assignments sales and Conveyances made of the Real Estates of such Insolvent debtors who have given up their effects for the benefit of their Creditors, in Pursuance of An Act Entituled [An Act to enable the Creditors of Insolvent Debtors who are willing to give up their effects to dispose of the same for the benefit of the Creditors and to release the said Debtors from Imprisonment] or in Pursuance of an other Act Entituled [An Act to enable the Assignees of Insolvent Debtors more effectually to dispose of the Estates of such Debtors for the Benefit of their Creditors] and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to prevent the Buying Exchanging or taking in Pawn of or from any Indian or Indians any Arms, Ammunition or Cloathing in the Counties of Albany Ulster Dutches and Orange.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner, and his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber His Honour was pleased to say, that he conceived the presence of the members of the Assembly in their respective Counties would be necessary to expedite the Levies for the publick Service, and therefore directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House to Tuesday the 27th Instant.

His Honour then returned to his residence.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday the 27th day of March Instant.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVII., 4.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty seventh* day of *March* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *tenth* day of *April* next of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty third* day of *March* 1759 in the *thirty second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command

Gw Banyar *D. Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVII., 12.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *tenth* day of *April* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday*

the *fifteenth* day of *May* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixth* day of *April* 1759 in the *thirty second* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By His Honours' Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVII., 63.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majestys Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *fifteenth* day of *May* instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty ninth* day of *May* Instant, of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *May* 1759 in the *thirty second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVII., 74.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty ninth* day of *May* instant. I have thought fit for His Majestys service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *nineteenth* day of *June* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty fifth* day of *May* 1759 in the *thirty second* year of the Reign of our Sovern Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col MSS., LXXXVII, 80.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *nineteenth* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty sixth* day of *June* Instant then to meet to proceed upon Business Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fourteenth* day of *June* 1759 in the *thirty second* of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

Tuesday, the twenty sixth day of June, 1759.

The Hono^ble James De Lancey Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York having by sundry Proclamations Issued from time to time adjourned the General Assembly from the twenty seventh day of March last to this day
The Council met accordingly.

Present — *The Hono^ble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

Daniel Horsmanden,
John Chambers,
William Smith,
William Walton,
Josiah Martin.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and the Message and the Extract of the Letter therein referred to, being read, It is
Ordered, that the said Message be entered in the Minutes which is in these words following

Gentlemen,

Having on the 14th Instant, received a Letter from his Excellency General Amherst, bearing Date the 8th, relating to the King's immediate Service, and which could not admit of any Delay, I resolved to call you together as soon as possible, though at an unusual, and perhaps inconvenient Season of the Year.

I herewith send you an Extract of the Generals Letter, whereby you will perceive that the Contractors Agent not being able to supply the Sums of Money necessary to answer the large Demands made for carrying on his Majesty's Service, the General was compelled in this Situation, that his Operations and the Success of his Majesty's Arms might not be retarded, to apply for a Loan of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, New York Currency, in Bills of the Province, redeemable in twelve Months after their Date, by the Moneys arising from Bills of Exchange to be drawn by Mr Mortier, Deputy Pay-Master General.

As the Distress the Service is in for want of Money, and the Incapacity of the Contractors Agents to remove the same, sufficiently evinces and warrants the Necessity of the Generals having Recourse to this Method, so was it a sufficient Reason for my calling you together so suddenly: And I did it in a full Assurance, that you would chearfully embrace this Opportunity of giving a fresh Proof of your Loyalty to the King and Zeal for his Service.

I am so fully persuaded of your readily coming into the Loan proposed, and in such a Manner, as no Advantage be taken of these pressing Wants which call for the speediest Supply, that I think it needless to urge any other Arguments to induce you to it.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York,
26th June, 1759.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 27th *day of June,* 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
JOSIAH MARTIN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned to Monday the 2nd day of July 1759.

Monday, the 2d *day of July,* 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Mr Vrooman with the Bill Entituled [An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit to the Amount of One hundred and fifty thousand pounds to enable his Majesty's General to pay the Debts contracted and to carry on his Majesty's service in North America, and for sinking the same within twelve months] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Alderman Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act for removing the Prisoners from the City Hall of the City of New York to the New Goal built by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonality of the said City and for appropriating certain Parts thereof to the uses and purposes of a common Goal for the City and County of New York] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till 4 o Clock Post Meridiem.

Monday, the 2d day of July, 1759. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for emitting Bills of Credit to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds to enable his Majesty's General to pay the Debts contracted and to carry on his Majesty's Service in North America and for sinking the same within twelve months] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for removing the Prisoners from the City Hall of the City of New York to the New Goal built by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City and for appropriating certain parts thereof to the uses and purposes of a Common Goal for the City and County of New York] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Walton and Mr Schenck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising the sum of Two hundred and sixty Pounds on the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Richmond County for the uses and purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 3d day of July, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for emitting Bills of Credit to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand Pounds to Enable his Majesty's General to pay the debts contracted and to carry on his Majesty's Service in North America and for sinking the same within twelve Months] and after some time spent therein

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for removing the Prisoners from the City Hall of the City of New York to the New Goal built by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City and for appropriating certain parts thereof to the uses and purposes of a Common Goal for the City and County of New York] be now read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary requireing the immediate attendance of that House at the Council Chamber.
And the General Assembly attending accordingly.
His Hononr was pleased to give his Assent to the three following Bills vizt

An Act for emitting Bills of Credit to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds to enable his Majesty's General to pay the Debts contracted, and to carry on his Majesty's service in North America and for sinking the same in twelve months.

An Act for removing the Prisoners from the City Hall of the City of New York to the New Goal built by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City and for appropriating certain parts thereof to the uses and purposes of a Common Goal for the City and County of New York.

An Act for naturalizing the several persons therein mentioned.
After which the said three Acts were published in the usual manner and his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, His Honour was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House until Tuesday the thirty first day of July Instant.
His Honour then returned to his Residence.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned to Tuesday the 31st day of July Instant.

N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVII., 106.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *thirty first* day of *July* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the

twenty eighth day of *August* next of which all his Majestys subjects concerned are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty sixth* day of *July* 1759 in the *thirty third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command

GW BANYAR *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVII., 114.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the province of *New York* and the Territories thereon depending in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty eighth* day of *August* instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty fifth* day of *September* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty fourth* day of *August* 1759 in the *thirty third* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command

GW BANYAR *D. Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVII., 124.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty fifth* day of *September* instant. I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *sixteenth* day of *October* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty first* day of *September* 1759 in the *thirty third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command

GW BANYAR *D. Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVII., 130.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Wednesday* the *seventeenth* day of *October* Instant then to meet at the House of Teunis Somerendyck in the Outward of the City of *New York* to proceed upon Business: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixteenth* day of *October* 1759 in the *thirty third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By his Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

Wednesday, the seventeenth day of October, 1759.

The General Assembly having on the third day of July last been adjourned by his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Directions until the thirty first day of the same month were afterwards adjourned by Proclamation on the 26th day of July to the twenty eighth day of August; on the twenty fourth of August by Proclamation until the 25th of September, on the 21st of September by Proclamation until the 16th of October Instant, and on that day by Proclamation until the 17th day of October Instant then to meet at the House of Teunis Somerendyck in the Outward of the City of New York to proceed upon Business.

The Council therefore met accordingly.

Present — *The Hono^ble^* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

Daniel Horsmanden,
John Chambers,
William Smith,
John Watts
William Walton, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which being read. It is

Ordered, that the said Message be entered in the Minutes which is as follows

Gentlemen,

His Excellency Major General Amherst, haveing made several very important and valuable Acquisitions from the Enemy, and being determined to take such Measures as shall effectually ensure the Advantages of this Campaign by building Forts in proper Places, and thereby putting it out of the Enemy's Power to regain any of their late Losses; and foreseeing that it was more than probable, that such of the Provincial Forces, as are by their Legislatures provided for only to the first of November, could not be discharged soon enough to be at their respective Homes by that Time, without quitting the essential Works they were employed in, hath for these Reasons, made a general Application to such of the Colonies as had provided for the Pay of their Troops only to that Time, to make a further Provision for them.

In Consequence of this Application, I have called you together now, principally for this Purpose.

The General's Proposal is so reasonable, his Measures so well calculated for his Majesty's Service, the present Safety, and lasting Security of this and the other Colonies, that I cannot, in

Duty to the King, and in Regard to your future Prosperity, omit most earnestly recommending it to you, that you would immediately enable me to comply with the General's Request, by making Provision for the Pay of the Troops for one Month longer, and for a Supply of such Necessaries for the Men, as the Season may require, to encourage them to continue in the Service with Alacrity.

I need not tell you that this demands Dispatch.

Gentlemen,

You must be sensible, that the Enemy have had but very small Supplies of provisions this year from France, and that most of the Men in Canada having been in Arms this Summer, their Crops must have suffered greatly. In this pressing Situation, it cannot be doubted but that they will use their utmost Efforts to repossess themselves of their strong Holds, if it were only with a Prospect of getting subsistance from our Magazines: but if they know that there are respectable Forts to oppose them, and find that the Works are completed, they must lay aside all such Attempts as fruitless and vain.

The General has wrote to me that he would be sorry to expose the Troops to any unavoidable Hardships, and that he will not keep them a Moment longer than the abovementioned Services absolutely require, and I can depend on it he will not.

Gentlemen,

This Province has given many instances of its Zeal for his Majesty's Service: You will add this fresh one, more especially, as the Interest of these Countries is so nearly concerned in this Measure, and it would be unbecoming you to shew the least Backwardness on this Occasion.

I am to acquaint you, that the General has ordered Forty Thousand Pounds Sterling, to be paid into the Treasury in discharge of so much of the Loan, and I am to assure you from him that the Residue shall be punctually repaid within the Time limited.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
17th October 1759.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the eighteenth day of October, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having Recommended to the General Assembly to adjourn themselves 'till Thursday the first day of November next.

The Council therefore adjourned to the first day of November next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVII., 138.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this province stands adjourned to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fourth* day of *December* next ensuing then to meet at the House of Teunis Somerendyck in the Outward of the City of New

York to proceed upon Business. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *November* 1759 in the *thirty third* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the second by the Grace of God, of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Secry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ASSEMBLY SECOND SESSION

Tuesday, the fourth day of December, 1759.

The General Assembly having by Proclamation on the 18th day of October last been adjourned from the first day of November (to which day they stood adjourned) until Tuesday the fourth day of December Instant to meet at the House of Teunis Somerendyck in the Outward of the City of New York.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Thursday next 3 o clock Pt Meridiem.

Thursday, the sixth day of December, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having signified to the Council that he proposed to make a Speech to the Council and Assembly this Afternoon at his Residence, the Council therefore proceeded thither accordingly, where being met, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requireing the immediate attendance of the General Assembly and they attending accordingly.

His Honour was then pleased to make a speech to the Council and General Assembly and to deliver one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another copy to the Speaker of the General Assembly And then the Council returned to the council chamber, where being met

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Reported that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, of which his Honour had delivered to him a Copy, which he delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governors Speech be read.
And the Speech being read
Ordered, that the same be entered in the Minutes which is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

It is with the highest Satisfaction I take this Opportunity to congratulate you on the many great Successes of his Majesty's Arms this Year, both in Europe and America.

The signal and memorable Victory obtained over the French Army near Minden: The Defeat of the French Fleet on the Coast of Algarve: The Conquest of Guadalupe: The driving the French from their strong holds at Ticonderoga, and Crown Point, whence these Countries have been so greatly annoyed, and effectually securing the Possession of them: The Defeat of their Army comeing to the Relief of Niagara, and the Reduction of the Fort at that important Pass: And lastly, the glorious Victory gained by General Wolfe over the Enemy on the Plains of Abraham near Quebec, with the Surrender of that City, the Metropolis of Canada; are Events which add fresh Lustre to the Reign of the best of Kings; redound highly in the Glory of his Majesty's Arms, disappoint the intended Insult of the Enemy on his Kingdom and Dominions, and open to these Colonies a favourable Prospect of future Security.

On my transmitting to his Excellency General Amherst a Copy of the Act, granting, in the most disinterested Manner, a Loan of £150,000 for carrying on his Majesty's Service, he desired me to signify to you the true Sence he has of your Loyalty to the King and your Zeal for his Service, in so readily and chearfully contributing towards it, by your Compliance with his Request, and that he will not fail to represent your Conduct on this Occasion to his Majesty's Ministers, in that just Light it deserves.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I must recommend to you the making Provision for the Support of the Officers of the Government: Amongst these, for another Judge of the Supreme Court; an Officer whom the Course of Justice obliged me to appoint. At the same Time you will, agreeable to your Resolution at the last Meeting, provide for the further Pay of the Regiment raised in this Province, and for the Encouragement voted the Men for continuing in the Service, beyond the Time at first intended.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The Stamp Duty may be regulated in such a Manner as to produce annually a much larger Sum than it does at present, without any heavy Burthen on the Subject: This merits your Consideration: as does also, the excessive Consumption of spirituous Liquors, of which the Publick may justly avail itself by an Augmentation of the Excise. And here it may be proper to point out to you, a Defect in the Act against private Lotteries. for though the Law be sufficient to restrain them in this Government, yet it seems to fall short of the End proposed, as it leaves this, a Mart for the Lotteries set on Foot in other Provinces.

The Laws necessary to be continued or revived, or any others which you shall frame for his Majesty's Service and the Benefit of the Province, will meet with my ready Assent.

City of New York JAMES DE LANCEY.
6th of December 1759.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governors Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Horsmanden then moved that the Council should present an Humble Address to his Honour to return him their Hearty thanks for his Speech, and to join in congratulation, for the many great and signal Successes of his Majesty's Arms this year both in Europe and America.

To Express their Satisfaction touching the favourable Impressions His Excellency General Amherst has conceived of the Legislature for their ready Complyance with his Request of a Loan of £150,000 necessary at that critical conjuncture for advancing his Majesty's Service.

And to assure his Honour of the Councils ready Concurrence on all Occasions, with every Measure for advancing his Majesty's Service and the Interest and Prosperity of the Province.

Which motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden Mr Chambers and Mr Watts be a Committee to prepare a Draft of the said Address and that they do prepare and bring in the same to morrow afternoon.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Afternoon 3 o clock.

Friday, the seventh day of December, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee appointed to prepare the draft of an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, reported that the Committee had prepared a Draft thereof, which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table where the Draft was read and being agreed to

Ordered, that the said Address be Engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Honour the Lieut^t Governor was read and approved of.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the said Engrossed Address.

And the Speaker having signed the same

Ordered, that Mr Watts and Mr Walton do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the Humble Address of the Council.

The said Gentlemen being returned Reported that they had waited on his Honour with the said Message and that he had been pleased to say he would receive the Councils Address to morrow at 12 o clock at the Secretary's Office.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the eighth day of December, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and with

The Council went to present their Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Reported that having with the Council attended and read and presented their Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor His Honour had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow.

To the Hono^ble JAMES DE LANCEY Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories Depending thereon in America

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour,

We his Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Council for the Province of New York return your Honour our hearty thanks for your Speech.

We most sincerely Join in Congratulation with your Honour, on the many great successes of his Majesty's Arms this year both in Europe and America: Events which add fresh Lustre to the Reign of the best of Kings, redound highly to the Glory of his Majesty's Arms, disappoint the intended Insult of the Enemy on his Kingdom and Dominions. And open to these Colonys a favourable prospect of future Prosperity.

It gives us high satisfaction that his Excellency General Amherst is so well pleased with the Legislatures Chearfull, and ready Compliance with his Request, in the Loan for forwarding his Majesty's in so critical a Conjuncture.

We beg leave to Assure your Honour we shall upon all occasions readily concur in every Measure for advancing his Majesty's Service and the Interest and Prosperity of the Province and particularly by passing such Bills as shall be accommodated to these laudable Ends.

By order of the Council

Council Chamber City of New York 8th December 1759

ARCHD KENNEDY Speaker.

His Honour the LIEUT GOVERNORS Answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this Address, and for the Assurances you give me, of your readiness to concur in every Measure for advancing his Majesty's Service and the Interest and Prosperity of the Province.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

City of New York
8th December 1759.

Ordered, That the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Saturday the 15th December Instant at 11 o clock in the Morning

Saturday, the fifteenth day of December, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Captain Douw with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] Desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colo De Lancey and Colonel Lott with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for Regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned, respecting the regulating the Militia] Desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colo De Lancey and Colo Philipse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to Impower Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing An Act therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Lispenard and Mr Vrooman with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for Billeting and Quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hicks and Captn Lispenard with the Bill Entituled, [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to Lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels and for the time therein mentioned, together with one other Act therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said five Bills be read.

Then the said five Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at eleven o clock in the Morng.

Tuesday, the 18th *day of December*, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wm Livingston and Captn Douw with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors together with the Act therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Lispenard with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to enable the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the Publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the South of Fresh Water and other purposes therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. De Lancey and Colonel Haring with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the Major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding twelve hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said three Bills be read.

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the five following Bills be now read the second time viz.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the value of five pounds and under and for repealing An Act therein mentioned.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for billeting and quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] and

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels and for the time therein mentioned together with one other Act therein mentioned.]

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Thursday 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Thursday, the 20th *day of December*, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors together with the act therein mentioned.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to enable the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the Publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the south of Fresh water and other purposes therein mentioned] and

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding twelve hundred Pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Alderman Livingston and Captain Douw with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from His Majesty's Forces in America together with the Act therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captn Dow and Mr Schenck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty to the first of January one thousand seven hundred & sixty one] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bruyn and Mr Vrooman with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col^o Haring and Mr Bruyn with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster, Dutches and Orange] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wisner and Col. Haasbrouch with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent damages by Swine in the County of Orange and some parts of Ulster County] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said five Bills be read.

Then the said five Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Mr Smith moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand Entituled [An Act for the speedier and more regular Administration of Justice in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace and for the Tryal of small Causes] might be read.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the 21st *day of December*, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplanck and Mr Hicks with the Bill Entituled [An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony during the time therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wm Livingston and Mr Verplanck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars from Selling without lycense in this Colony] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Haasbrouck and Mr Bruyn with the Bill Entituled [An Act to extend An Act Entituled An Act for preventing Trespasses to the County of Ulster] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. De Lancey and Mr Verplanck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to Empower certain Persons in the City of London to receive the Quota that shall be allotted to this Colony by his Majesty out of the two hundred thousand pounds granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Colonel De Lancey with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled [An Act to encourage the taking & destroying of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Mr Verplanck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches & Islands therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said six Bills be read.

Then the said six Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole house on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for billeting and quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to lay a duty of Tonage on the Vessels and for the time therein mentioned together with one other Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors together with the Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to enable the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the south of Fresh water and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding twelve hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates real and personal in the said City] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in America together with the Act therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the Whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, And the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty to the first of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty one] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the second time and

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster, Dutches and Orange] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Orange and some parts of Ulster County] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for the speedier and more regular Administration of Justice in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, and for the Tryall of small Causes] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Saturday, the 22nd day of December, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] be now Read the Third Time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for Regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the Regulating the Militia] be now Read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for Billetting and Quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] be now Read the third Time.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendments.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on the Vessels and for the time therein mentioned] be now Read the third time.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors together with the Act therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to enable the Mayor Deputy Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the South of Fresh Water and other purposes therein mentioned] Be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding twelve hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City] Be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in America together with the Act therein mentioned] Be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty to the first of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty one] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster, Dutchess and Orange] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent damages by swine in the County of Orange and some parts of Ulster County] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three last mentioned Bills without any amendment.

Ordered, that the six following Bills be now read the second time vizt

The Bill Entituled [An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony during the time therein mentioned.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars from selling without Lycence in this Colony.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to extend An Act Entituled An Act for preventing Trespasses, to the County of Ulster.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower certain Persons in the City of London to receive the Quota that shall be allotted to this Colony by his Majesty out of the two hundred thousand pounds granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk] And

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned.]

Then the said six Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Dow and Captain Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to encourage the Destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Mr Vrooman with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent damages by Swine in Dutches County] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said two Bills be read.
Then the said two Bills were read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr William Livingston and Colonel De Lancey with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
A Message from the General Assembly by Col De Lancey and Mr William Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the selling of Tickets in this Colony of any Lotteries schemed or erected in any other Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.
Then the said two Bills were read the first time and
Ordered, a second reading.
The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the 24th *day of December*, 1759.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
Ordered, That the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty] and
The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the selling of Tickets in this Colony of any Lotteries schemed or erected in any other Colony] be now read the second time.
Then the said two Bills were read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the value of Five pounds and under and for repealing An Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered that thesaid Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.
Mr Smith dissented to the passing the said Bill with leave to enter his reasons at large if he shall think proper.
A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Mr Hicks with the Bill Entituled [An Act for making Process in Courts of Equity effectual against Mortgagors who abscond and cannot be served therewith or who refuse to appear] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered, a second Reading.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of foreign Growth retailed within this Colony during the time therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Smith from the committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars from selling without Lycence in this Colony] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to extend An Act Entituled An Act for preventing Trespasses, to the County of Ulster] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.
Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower certain Persons in the City of London to receive the Quota that shall be allotted to this Colony by his Majesty out of the two hundred thousand pounds granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of Wild Cats in the County of Suffolk] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the Whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany] be now read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent damages by Swine in Dutchess County] be now read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr William Livingston and Mr Cruger with the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Practice of Physic and Surgery in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till 3 o clock in the afternoon.

Monday, the 24th *day of December*, 1759. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of
Ordered. that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the Selling of Tickets in this Colony of any Lotteries schemed or erected in any other Colony] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.
Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor haveing signifyed to the Council that he proposed giving his Assent to the Bills prepared for it, this Afternoon at his House in the Bowry Lane.
The Council therefore went to his Honours Residence, where being met His Honour the Lieutenant Governor sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House And the General Assembly attending accordingly
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of the Council and General Assembly was then pleased to give his Assent to twenty two Bills, the Titles whereof are as follow.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for Granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for Regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia.

An Act for laying an Excise upon all Tea of Foreign Growth retailed within this Colony during the time therein mentioned.

An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars from selling without Licence in this Colony.

An Act to Regulate the Collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty to the first of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty one.

An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for Billeting and Quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony.

An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in America, together with the Act therein mentioned.

An Act to Impower Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen to try causes to the value of Five pounds and under and for Repealing An Act therein mentioned.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on the Vessels and for the time therein mentioned together with one other Act therein mentioned.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors together with the Acts therein mentioned.

An Act to prevent the selling of Ticketts in this Colony of any Lotteries Schemed or Erected in any other Colony.

An Act to extend An Act entituled, An Act for preventing Trespasses, to the County of Ulster.

An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to enable the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the South of Fresh Water and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to Impower and enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding twelve hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City.

An Act further to continue An Act Entitled An Act for the Destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster, Dutchess and Orange.

An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Orange and some parts of Ulster County.

An Act to continue An Act Entitled An Act to Encourage the taking and Destroying of Wild Cats in the County of Suffolk.

An Act to continue An Act Entitled An Act to Restrain the Feeding and Burning the Grass and Cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned.

An Act further to continue An Act Entitled An Act to Encourage the Destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany.

An Act further to continue An Act Entitled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutchess County.

After which the said twenty two Acts were published in the usual manner and his Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber. His Honour was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House until the last Tuesday in January next.

The Council then returned to the Council Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday the twenty ninth day of January One thousand seven hundred and Sixty.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVIII., 1.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty ninth* day of *January* Instant. I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn And I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twelfth* day of *February* next. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty fourth* day of *January* 1760 in the *thirty third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVIII., 5.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twelfth* day of *February* Instant. I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn And I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to

Tuesday the *twenty sixth* day of *February* Instant. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *Ninth* day of *February* 1760 in the *thirty third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God, of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR, *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

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BY THE HONOURABLE

JAMES DE LANCEY Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twenty sixth* day of *February* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *eleventh* day of *March* next ensuing then to meet at the House of Teunis Somerendyck in the Outward of the City of New York to proceed upon Business Of which All his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixteenth* day of *February* 1760 in the *thirty third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

By His Honours Command
GW BANYAR *D. Sêcry*

God save the KING.

Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, 1760.

The General Assembly having on the twenty fourth day of December last been adjourned to the twenty ninth day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty, were by Proclamation on the twenty fourth of that Month adjourned to the twelfth day of February, And on the ninth of the said Month February were further adjourned by Proclamation to the twenty sixth And on the nineteenth of the same month were further adjourned by Proclamation to the eleventh day of March one thousand seven hundred and sixty then to meet at the House of Teunis Somerendyck in the Outward of the City of New York to proceed upon Business.

The Council therefore met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to morrow 4 o clock P. M.

Wednesday, the twelfth day of March, 1760.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor which being read was

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen,

It was with the highest Satisfaction, I took the Opportunity at our last Meeting, in December, 1759, to congratulate you, on the many and great Successes of his Majesty's Arms by Sea and Land, both in Europe and America, during the Course of that Year.

I do now again with equal Pleasure, congratulate you on the further Success of his Majesty's Arms at Sea in that ever memorable Year, an Account of which had not reached us when we were last together; I mean the glorious Victory gained by his Majesty's Fleet under Sir Edward Hawke, over the French Fleet on the Coast of France, whereby that grand Armament destined to convoy the Troops designed for an Attempt on Great Britain or Ireland, was destroyed or dispersed and the Enemies Projects to invade his Majesty's Kingdoms totally disappointed and defeated.

On the 20th of last Month, I had the Honour of a Letter from the Right Hon. Mr. Secretary Pitt, bearing Date, the seventh of January, one thousand seven hundred and sixty, signifying that his Majesty, having nothing so much at Heart, as to improve the great and important Advantages gained the last Campaign in North-America, and not doubting that all his faithful and brave Subjects there will continue most chearfully to co-operate with, and second to the utmost, the large Expences and extraordinary Succours supplied by Great-Britain for their Preservation and future Security by compleating the Reduction of all Canada; and that his Majesty not judging it expedient to limit the Zeal and Ardour of any of his Provinces, by making a Repartition of the Forces to be raised by each respectively for this most important Service; it is the King's Pleasure that I do forthwith use my utmost Endeavours and Influence to induce you to raise, with all possible Dispatch, within this Government, at least as large a Body of Men as you did for the last Campaign, and even as many more as the Number of its Inhabitants may allow, to be formed into Regiments, and to hold themselves in Readyness as early as may be, to march to the Rendezvous at Albany, or such other Place as his Majesty's Commander in Chief in America shall appoint, in order to proceed from thence, in Conjunction with a Body of the Kings British Forces and under the supreme Command of his Majesty's said Commander in Chief in America, so as to be in a Situation to begin the Operations of the Campaign, as soon as shall be any Way practicable by an irruption into Canada, in order to reduce Montreal and all other Posts belonging to the French, in those Parts, and further to annoy the Enemy in such Manner, as his Majesty's Commander in Chief shall from his Knowledge of the Countries through which the War is to be carried on and from emergent Circumstances, judge to be practicable. And the better to facilitate that important Service, his Majesty is pleased to leave it to me, to issue Commissions to such Gentlemen of this Province, as I shall judge from their Weight and Credit with the People, and their Zeal for the Publick Service may be best disposed and able to quicken and effectuate the speedy Levying the greatest Number of Men, and all Officers of the Provincial Forces as high as Colonels inclusive are to have Rank according to their several respective Commissions, agreeably to the Regulations contained in his Majesty's Warrant of the 30th December, 1757.

The King is further pleased to furnish all the Men so raised with Arms Ammunition and Tents, as well as to order Provisions to be issued to them by his Majesty's Commissaries in the same Proportion and Manner as is done to the Rest of the King's Forces.

A sufficient Train of Artillery will also be provided at his Majesty's Expence for the Operations of the Campaign.

Boats and Vessels necessary for the Transportation of the Army on this Expedition will also be provided at the Kings Charge.

The whole therefore, that his Majesty expects and requires from the several Provinces, is, the Levying, Cloathing and Pay of the Men, and on these Heads also, that no Encouragement may be wanting to this great and salutary Attempt, the King is farther most graciously pleased to permit the Right Honourable Mr Secretary Pitt to acquaint me that strong Recommendations will be made to Parliament in their Session next Year, to gran at proper Compensation for such

Expences as above, according as the active Vigour and strenuous Efforts of the respective Provinces shall justly appear to merit.

I am also to inform you, that similar Orders are sent to New-Hampshire, Massachusets-bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Jersey. The Southern Governments are also directed to raise Men in the same Manner, to be employed in such offensive Operation as the Circumstances and Situation of the Enemy's Posts in those Parts may point out; which it is hoped will oblige them so to divide their Attention and Forces, as may render the several Attempts more easy and successful.

Gentlemen,

I have now lay'd before you, what his Majesty expects from this Province. The Confidence the King places in his brave and faithful Subjects here, the large Expence and extraordinary Succours supplied by our Mother Country, his Majesty's most gracious Intentions that strong Recommendations shall be made to Parliament next Year to grant a proper Compensation for the Expences of these Provinces according as their active Vigour and strenous Efforts respectively shall justly appear to merit; and lastly, the many and signal Successes which have reduced Canada within narrow Bounds and may be considered as happy Omens with the divine Blessing of future Success are such strong and cogent Motives that it seems unnecessary for me to add any Thing to them to animate your Zeal and excite you to the fulfilling of his Majesty's just Expectations from you on this great Occasion; the compleating the Reduction of all Canada.

Gentlemen,

You must be so fully sensible that the Safety and Welfare of America and of this Province in Particular, are so nearly concerned in this Event, that I cannot entertain the least doubt, but that you will proceed with the utmost Application and Dispatch in this promising and decisive Crisis and by speedy and vigorous Resolutions enable me to have the Troops of this Province in Readiness to attend the Commander in Chief as early as it shall be practicable for him to begin his operations.

This is what I most earnestly recommend to you as being for the Honour, Credit and Advantage of the Province and what I have Reason to look for from your Loyalty and Zea for the Kings Service and your Regard for the lasting Peace and Prosperity of North America

City of New-York
March 12th 1758

JAMES DE LANCEY.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning Friday the 21st day of March Instant at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Friday, the 21st day of March, 1760.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Capt Lispenard with the Bill Entituled, [An Act for levying, paying and cloathing two thousand six hundred and Eighty effective Men, officers included, for forming an Army of twenty thousand men with the Forces of the neighbouring Colonies to reduce in conjunction with his Majesty's Regular Troops, Montreal and other Posts belonging to the French in Canada, for Emitting Bills of Credit for the sum of sixty thousand pounds and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short periods] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the 21st *day of March,* 1760. Post Meridiem.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered that the Bill Entituled An Act for levying paying and cloathing two thousand six hundred and eighty effective Men officers included for forming an army of twenty thousand Men with the Forces of the Neighbouring Colonies to reduce in conjunction with his Majestys Regular Troops Montreal and other Posts belonging to the French in Canada, for Emitting Bills of Credit for the sum of sixty thousand Pounds and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short Periods] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplanck and Mr Henry Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect a sum not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds in Westchester County towards finishing the Court House and Goal in the said County and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Henry Livingston, and Mr Vrooman with the Bill Entituled, [An Act to enable the Supervizors of Dutches County to raise the sum of six hundred and forty two Pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned and the further sum of seventy Pounds for converting a Jury Room into a Goal] Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 22d *day of March,* 1760.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for levying paying and cloathing two thousand six hundred and eighty effective Men, Officers included, for forming an Army of twenty thousand Men with the Forces of the Neighbouring Colonies to reduce in Conjunction with his Majesty's Regular forces Montreal and other Passes belonging to the French in Canada, for Emitting Bills of Credit for the Sum of Sixty thousand Pounds & for sinking & cancelling the said Bills in short periods] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect a Sum not exceeding the Sum of five hundred pounds in Westchester County towards finishing the Court House and Goal in the said County and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and desired him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervizors of Dutches County to raise the Sum of six hundred and forty two pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned And the further Sum of Seventy Pounds for converting a Jury Room into a Goal] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Vrooman and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act further to empower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany living and residing in the Town of Schenectady in the said County to drain the water out of the Streets thereof with an Addition thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till four o Clock in the Afternoon.

Saturday, the 22d day of March, 1760. Post Meridiem.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

Daniel Horsmanden,
John Chambers,
William Smith,
John Watts, Esqrs.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having signifyed to the Council that he proposed giving his assent to the Bills prepared for it, this afternoon at his House in the Bowry Lane.

The Council therefore went to his Honour's Residence, where being met

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly, requiring the immediate attendance of that House: And the General Assembly attending accordingly

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to give his Assent to four Bills the Title whereof are as follow vizt

An Act for levying paying and cloathing two thousand six hundred and eighty effective Men Officers included for forming an army of twenty thousand men with the forces of the Neighbouring Colonies to reduce in Conjunction with his Majesty's Regular Troops, Montreal and other Posts belonging to the French in Canada, for Emitting Bills of Credit for the sum of Sixty thousand Pounds, and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short Periods.

An Act to raise levy and collect a sum not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds in Westchester County towards finishing the Court House and Goal in the said County, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the Supervizors of Dutches County to raise the sum of Six hundred and forty two pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned and the further sum of Seventy Pounds for converting a Jury Room into a Goal.

An Act to impower certain Persons in the City of London to receive the Quota that shall be allotted to this Colony by his Majesty out of the two Hundred thousand Pounds granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies.

After which the said four Acts were published in the usual manner and the Governor Council and General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House till the first Tuesday in May next.

The Council then returned to the Council Chamber where being met

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till the first Tuesday in May next.

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By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *sixth* day of *May* next I have thought fit for his Majestys Service to adjourn and I do by aud with the Advice of his Majestys Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *thirteenth* day of *May* next ensuing then to meet at the House of Teunis Somerendyck in the Outward of the City of *New York* to proceed upon Business: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *ffort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty second* day of *April* 1760 in the *thirty third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

Council Chamber, City of New York, Tuesday, the thirteenth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and sixty in the thirty third year of the Reign of King George the Second.

The General Assembly having been adjourned by Proclamation issued by his Honour the Lieutenant Governor from the sixth day of May last to which day they stood adjourned until this day.

The Council met accordingly.

Present — *The Hono^ble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

John Chambers,
William Smith,
John Watts, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned til to morrow 3 o clock Post Meridiem.

Wednesday, the fourteenth day of May, 1760. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor which being read was

Ordered to be entered in the minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen,

I send you a Copy of his Excellency Governor Pownall's Letter to me setting forth, the Terrible Waste made by Fire in the Town of Boston, on the 20th of March last, whereby upwards of Two Hundred Families were turned out of Doors; the greatest Part of whom are by this Misfortune rendered incapable of subsisting themselves without the charitable Assistance of others.

I am perswaded your Hearts will be touched with Pity for the unhappy Sufferers, and that you will readily contribute to their Relief. Their Distresses are so great as to call for publick Succour from their fellow subjects. I earnestly recommend their deplorable Case to your Compassion.

I also recommend the making Provision for discharging the several Demands on the Province and am to acquaint you that the whole of the £150,000 lent last Year by this Province, for carrying on his Majesty's Service, is, by his Excellency General Amherst's Order, repaid into the Treasury.

JAMES DE LANCEY.

New York 14th May 1760.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday the twenty eighth day of May Instant at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Wednesday, the twenty eighth day of May, 1760.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Livingston and Capt Seaman desiring to know what progress the Council have made in the Bill Entituled, [An Act for making Process in a Court of Equity more effectual against Mortgagors who abscond and cannot be served therewith or who refuse to appear] and the Bill Entituled, [An Act to regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery in the City of New York.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be now read the second time.

Then the said two Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Ordered, that the Bill intituled [An Act to revive An Act Intituled, An Act further to Impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany living and dwelling in the Town of Schenectady in the said County to drain the Water out of the streets thereof with an Addition thereto] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Friday morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the thirtieth day of May, 1760.

[The Council met according to adjournment.]

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor which being read was

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen,

As it does not seem probable that the proportions of the Monies allotted by his Majesty for this Colony out of the two hundred thousand pounds stirling granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies will be brought hither in time to answer the Purposes for which part of it is appropriated, I must therefore, that the publick service may not be retarded or disappointed recommend to you to make provision to supply the deficiency of the thirty thousand pounds which must arise till the proportion of this Colony shall arrive from Great Britain.

City of New York JAMES DE LANCEY.
29th May 1760.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o clock in the forenoon.

Tuesday, the third day of June, 1760.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Vrooman and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways And to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Livingston and Mr William Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for the better relief of the Poor in Dutches County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the fourth day of June, 1760.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Vrooman and Mr Wm Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act for confirming the Estates and Possessions and to quiet the Minds of the Inhabitants of the Township of Schenectady] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town] and

The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act for the better Relief of the Poor in Dutches County] be now read the second time.

Then the said two Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, the fourth day of June, 1760. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act further to empower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany living and dwelling in the Town of Schenectady in the said County to drain the Water out of the Streets thereof with an addition thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town] And after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for the better Relief of the Poor in Dutches County] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill & directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the fifth day of June, 1760.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS,
JOSIAH MARTIN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Lispenard with the Bill Entituled [An Act to supply a Deficiency of the thirty thousand Pounds therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr William Livingston and Col Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act for paying two thousand five hundred Pounds for and towards the Relief of the Poor sufferers by the late Fire in the Town of Boston] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Vrooman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to oblige the Supervizors of the City and County of Albany to take an Oath before they enter upon the Execution of their Office, and for altering the time of the annual meeting of the Inhabitants of Schohary in the said County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said three Bills be read.
Then the said three Bills were read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow at four o clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the sixth day of June, 1760. Post Mer.

[The Council met according to adjournment.]

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Seaman and Mr Bruyn with the Bill Entituled [An Act for paying and discharging several sums of Money claimed as Debts of this Colony & other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
Ordered, that the three following Bills be now read the second time viz
The Bill Entituled [An Act to supply a Deficiency of the thirty thousand pounds therein mentioned.]
The Bill Entituled [An Act for paying two thousand five hundred Pounds for and towards the Relief of the Poor Sufferers by the late Fire in the Town of Boston] and
The Bill Entituled [An Act to oblige the Supervizors of the City and County of Albany to take an Oath before they enter upon the Execution of their Office and for altering the time of the annual meeting of the Inhabitants of Schohary in the said County.]
Then the said three Bills were read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for confirming the Estates and Possessions and to quiet the Minds of the Inhabitants of the Township of Schenectady] be now read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o Clock.

Saturday, the seventh day of June, 1760.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Hono^ble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker.

Daniel Horsmanden,
John Chambers,
John Watts,
William Walton, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered that the Bill Entituled [An Act for paying and discharging several sums of Money claimed as debts of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the second time.
Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered, a third Reading.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act to supply a deficiency of the thirty thousand pounds therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for paying two thousand five hundred pounds for and towards the Relief of the Poor sufferers by the late Fire in the town of Boston] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to oblige the Supervizors of the City and County of Albany to take an Oath before they enter upon the Execution of their office, and for altering the time of the annual meeting of the Inhabitants of Schohary in the said County] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed [him] to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly, that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any amendment.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Col: Haring with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Persons therein named to lay out a Road from the Sterling Iron works across the Highlands to Haverstraw Landing on Hudsons River in Orange County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Vrooman and Mr Henry Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating clearing and further laying out publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.
Then the said two Bills were read the first time and
Ordered, a second reading.
The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the ninth day of June, 1760.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act to Enable the Persons therein named to lay out a Road from the Sterling Iron Works across the Highlands to Haverstraw Landing on Hudsons River in Orange County] and
The Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating clearing and further laying out Publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany] Be now read the second time.
Then the said Bills were read the second time and
Ordered, to be Committed.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday the tenth day of June, 1760.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for paying and discharging several Sums of Money claimed as Debts of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Persons therein named to lay out a Road from the Sterling Iron Works across the Highlands to Haverstraw Landing on Hudsons Landing *(sic)* in Orange County] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the Whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating clearing and further laying out publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the first and last mentioned of the said three Bills without any Amendment.
The Council adjourned till 5 o clock Post Meridiem.

Friday, (sic) *the tenth day of June*, 1760. Post Mer.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair &
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill & directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Persons therein named to lay out a Road from the Sterling Iron Works across the Highlands to Haverstraw Landing on Hudsons River in Orange County] without any Amendment.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Alderman Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better Regulation and Government of Seamen in the Merchants Service] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of that House.

And the General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his assent to ten Bills the Titles whereof are as follow viz

An Act for paying and discharging several Sums of Money claimed as Debts of this Country, (*sic*) and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to supply a deficiency of the thirty thousand Pounds therein mentioned.

An Act for paying two thousand five hundred pounds for and towards the Relief of the Poor sufferers by the late Fire in the Town of Boston.

An Act to regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery in the City of New York.

An Act for regulating clearing and further laying out Publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany.

An Act to oblige the Supervizors of the City and County of Albany to take an Oath before they enter upon the Execution of their Office and for altering the time of the annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of Schohary in the said County.

An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act further to empower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany living and dwelling in the Town of Schenectady in the said County to drain the Water out of the Streets thereof with an Addition thereto.

An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and High ways and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town.

An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act for the better Relief of the Poor in Dutches County.

An Act to enable the Persons therein named to lay out a Road from the Stirling Iron Works across the Highlands to Haverstraw Landing on Hudsons River in Orange County.

After Which the said Acts were published in the usual manner and the Lieutenant Governor the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, His Honour was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House til Tuesday the first day of July next.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House until Tuesday the first day of July next.

The Council therefore adjourned to the said first day of July next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVIII., 123.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *first* day of *July* next, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fifth* day of *August* next ensuing. Of which all his Majestys Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty eighth* day of *June* 1760 in the *thirty fourth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By his Honours Command

Gw Banyar *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVIII., 133.]

By the Honourable

JAMES De LANCEY Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *fifth* day of *August* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *second* day of *September* next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *July* 1760 in the *thirty fourth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

JAMES De LANCEY.

By His Honours Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVIII., 147.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr President of His Majesty's Council and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *second* day of *September* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *sixteenth* day of *September* next ensuing: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty eighth* day of *August* 1760 in the *thirty fourth* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVIII., 150.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr President of His Majesty's Council and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *sixteenth* day of *September* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *thirtieth* day of *September* Instant: Of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *eleventh* day of *September* 1760 in the *thirty fourth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By his Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXVIII., 155.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr President of His Majesty's Council and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *thirtieth* day of *September* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty first* day of *October* next, then to meet to proceed upon Business : Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty fifth* day of *September* 1760 in the *thirty fourth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D. Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ASSEMBLY THIRD SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the twenty first day of* October 1760 *in the thirty fourth year of the* Reign *of our* Soveraign Lord George *the* Second *by the Grace of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth.*

The General Assembly having on the tenth day of June last, by the direction of His Honour the late Lieutenant Governor, been adjourned to the first day of July last, were by Proclamation dated the 28th day of June, adjourned until the 5th day of August, and afterwards by Proclamation dated the 29th day of July, adjourned until Tuesday the second day of September, and the Government having by the Death of the said late Lieutenant Governor, which happened on the thirtieth day of the said Month of July, devolved on the Honoble Cadwallader Colden President of his Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief, His Honour the President by Proclamation dated the 28th August, prorogued the General Assembly to the 16th day of September, from thence by Proclamation dated the 11th day of September to Tuesday the thirtieth day of September, & from thence by Proclamation dated the 25th day of September, further Prorogued the General Assembly to this day, then to meet to proceed upon Business.

The Council therefore met accordingly,

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till 3 o'clock Tomorrow afternoon.

Wednesday, the 22d *day of October*, 1760. P. M.

The Council met According to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker.

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Honoble Cadwallader Colden Esqr President of his Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber

The General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Honour the President made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Honour the President attended as usual then returned to the Fort.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that His Honour the Presidents Speech be read.

Then the Speech was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

You have had time to feel the heavy Loss this Province hath sustained by the Death of the Lieutenant Governor—a Gentleman, whose extensive Accomplishments, qualified him in a superior Degree, for the Duties of his Station.

Sensible of my own Inability, I should with the greatest Reluctance have assumed the Reins of Government at my advanced Age, had I not reposed an intire Confidence in your Readiness to advise and support me in every Measure for the publick Good, and that all Deficiencies on my Part would be made up by your Assistance.

I am happy in congratulating you on the glorious Success of his Majesty's Arms, under the Conduct of his Excellency General Amherst, which has compleated the Conquest of the whole Country of Canada. It does the highest Honour to the General's Reputation, that he has put a Period to an Enterprize of such Moment, with so little Effusion of human Blood: and the Clemency with which he has on this Occasion treated the vanquished, furnishes a striking Proof of the different Disposition of the two Nations. The French for many years past, meditating the Ruin of these Colonies, have not scrupled to encourage in the Savages their Allies, a Spirit of the most brutal Inhumanity. No sooner had the English recovered an Influence over their Indians, than they made it their principal Care to restrain them from every Act of Cruelty, generously imploying that Authority to the Preservation of the French, which in their Hands, had been used to such destructive purposes towards the Subjects of the British Nation.

Freed from the Calamities which so lately surrounded us, we have now before us the pleasing Prospect of enjoying in full Security, our religious and civil Rights. With the deepest Sense of the divine Goodness, great must be the Duty we owe to the best of Kings, by whose paternal Care and Munificience, such eminent Advantages have been procured for his People, while we have every Motive that can inspire us with Sentiments of Love and Gratitude to our Mother Country, whose Treasure, and the Blood of whose Heroes, have been so liberally expended in this Contest. We can indeed reflect with Satisfaction, that our utmost Endeavours have been exerted on all Occasions for the Advancement of the common Cause, But great as our Efforts have been compared to our Abilities, without the powerfull Aids we have received, they must have proved ineffectual even for our Defence.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

At present I have nothing in particular to recommend to you, but a Provision for the Support of his Majesty's Government.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

I have every Inducement that can excite a Lover of his Country, to study and promote its Prosperity. And it will give me the greatest Pleasure to concur with you, in whatever may be thought necessary for this End, as far as is consistent with the Powers devolved on me by this casual Accession to the Administration.

Fort George New York CADWALLADER COLDEN.
22 October 1760.

Ordered, that His Honour the President's Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Horsmanden then moved that an humble Address might be presented by this House to his Honour the President in answer to his Speech.

Which motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by this House accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden Mr Chambers and Mr Smith be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the draft of the said Address, and that they lay the same before this House with all convenient speed.

The Council adjourned till Monday morning 11 o Clock

Monday, the 27th *day of October*, 1760. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee appointed to prepare the draft of an humble Address to his honour the President, Reported that the Committee had prepared a draft of the said Address, which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being amended was agreed to and

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Honour the President was read and approved of

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address who having signed the same.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers and Mr Smith do wait on his Honour the President, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned, reported that they had waited on his Honour the President, and delivered the said Message, and that he was pleased to say he would receive the Councils Address to morrow morning at 11 o clock in the Council Chamber in Fort George.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 28th day of October, 1760. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esquire, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and with

The Council went to Fort George to present the Humble Address of this House to his Honour the President, and being returned.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Reported that having with the Council, attended his Honour the President, and read and presented to him the humble Address of this House.

His Honour had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which he delivered in at the Table where the same was read.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes of this House which are as follow

To the Honoble CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire President of his Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour

We His Majesty's most dutyful and Loyal Subjects, the Council for the Province of New York, return you our hearty thanks for your Speech.

Under a deep Resentment of the loss the Publick has sustained, by the Death of the Late Lieutenant Governor, we cannot but concur with your Honour in paying that Tribute to his Memory which his Merit so justly deserved.

Diffident as you are Sir of your own abilities, yet from your long experience, and intimate acquaintance with Publick Business, we are well perswaded of your Sufficiency for the discharge of the Duties of the important Station you have the Honour to sustain: And the Assistance you are pleased to expect from us, we esteem no more than our bounden duty to his Majesty and the Publick Weal of the Province, to which we shall always most Chearfully contribute.

Warmed with a grateful sense of the Divine Godness to Great Britain, and these Colonies, we return your Honour our hearty congratulations, on the most Glorious Success of his Majesty's Arms. His Excellency General Amherst has indeed compleated the Conquest of the whole Country of Canada. An Event in its Nature of the utmost Importance, and from Difficulties seemingly insuperable, till of Late rather the object of our wishes than Expectation.

It gives us the highest pleasure, that an Enterprise of such moment, has been effected with so little Effusion of human Blood. Herein the General has done honour to Great Britain and poured shame upon our Enemies, who on their part have conducted this War, in many instances, with the most brutal Inhumanity, And at the same time have had the Insolence to attribute those Cruelties to the Savages, which were effected by their own Instigation. The General has now given an incontestible Proof to our Enemies, that the Savage Disposition of the Indian Natives, is capable of Restraint The Clemency shewn towards a vanquish'd People considering their Demerits must ever redound to the Honour of his Majesty's Arms, and, transmit that Glory to Posterity, which we trust will never be eclipsed.

After the dire Calamities so lately surrounding us, there opens to us the most pleasing Prospect of enjoying our Religious and Civil Rights, in full security. Melancholy was our case through a series of sad events, from the commencement of the War til the Reduction of Louisburg, at which period our desponding hopes reviv'd and were afterwards reanimated by the glorious acquisition of the Capital of Canada.

With most grateful hearts we acknowledge the Divine favour in the Happy turn of our Affairs, professing our unalienable duty to the best of Kings for his Paternal Care and

Munificence, who by the wisdom of his Councils, has been the Instrument in the Hands of Providence, whereby such eminent advantages have been acquired, not only to his American, but European Subjects. Advantages inestimable, considered in all possible views. May his Majesty's Virtues, His Crown and Dominions, be transmitted to his Royal Posterity, till time shall be no more.

We feel every motive that can inspire us with sentiments of Love and Gratitude to our Mother Country, whose Treasures have been so liberally expended in this Contest, and the Blood of whose Heroes have been nobly shed in this most Just and interresting Cause.

That we have exerted our utmost strength under the weakness of our Infant State for the advancement of the Common Cause, we reflect upon with great Satisfaction But it is very Evident that our utmost Endeavours would have proved ineffectual even for our own defence, without the powerfull aid which his Majesty has been graciously pleased to afford.

Happy will the Condition of these Colonies be if the advantages acquired by the present War are retained at the Conclusion of it Dangerons and precarious must their Situation be, if in the Event they again Fall into the hands of such an enterprising perfidious Enemy.

Convinced, Sir, of your regard for this Country, we doubt not you will make its prosperity your Study, and we beg leave to assure you, that nothing shall be wanting on our Part, conducive to this End, or to your own ease in the Course of your Administration.

By order of the Council
ARCH KENNEDY Speaker.

Council Chamber
New York 28th October 1760.

His Honour the PRESIDENTS Answer.

Gentlemen,

I Return you my Thanks for this obliging Address, and the opinion you entertain of my Regard for this Country.

The Conduct of his Majestys Council, has on all occasions been such as must approve them to our gracious Sovereign.

While I am so happy as to retain your favourable Sentiments I flatter myself that with the assistance I shall always rely on having from you, my administration will contribute to his Majesty's Service, and the Prosperity of the Province, which cannot fail of making it perfectly agreable and easy to my self.

Fort George New York
28th October 1760.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned til Friday next at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Friday, the 31st *day of October*, 1760. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Mr Vrooman with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Lispenard and Mr Schenck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Alderman Livingston and Mr Hicks with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for Billeting and quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said three Bills be read.

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the first day of November, 1760. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered that the Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue An Act entitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned]

The Bill Entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia] and

The Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue An Act entitled An Act for billeting and quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday the 3^{d} *day of November*, 1760. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^{ble}* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Colonel Lott with the Bill Entitled [An Act to continue An Act Entitled An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from his Majesty's Forces in America together with an Act therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Bruyn with the Bill Entitled [An Act to regulate the collecting the duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and sixty one to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty two] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entitled [An Act to continue An Act Entitled An Act to prevent the setting on fire or burning the old Grass on Hempstead Plains with an addition thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hicks and Colonel Lott with the Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue An Act Entitled An Act to prevent the penning and folding of sheep and neat Cattle feeding on Hempstead Plains] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the s^{d} two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue An Act Entitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Comittee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue An Act entitled An Act for billeting and quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the sd Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till three o clock in the afternoon.

Monday, the third day of November, 1760. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the four following Bills be now read the second time vizt

The Bill Entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for the better apprehending and securing deserters from his Majesty's Forces in America with another Act therein mentioned.]

The Bill Entitled [An Act to regulate the collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty one to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty two.]

The Bill Entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act to prevent the setting on fire or burning the old Grass on Hempstead Plains with an Addition thereto] and

The Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue An Act Entitled An Act to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle feeding on Hempstead Plains.]

Then the said four Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the fourth day of November, 1760. A M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Lispenard with the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants Service] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Lott and Mr Hicks with the Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by Virtue of An Act Entitled, An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the debts and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hicks and Mr Miller with the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Queens County and for repealing An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual Taxation of Estates in Queens County passed in the twenty seventh year of his present Majesty's Reign] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hicks and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better regulating and further laying out Publick Highways in Queens County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bruyn and Mr Haasbrouck with the Bill Entitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Ulster County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said three Bills be read.

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Comittee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for the better apprehending and securing deserters from his Majesty's Forces in America together with another Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to regulate the collecting the duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty one to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty two] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act to prevent the setting on fire or burning the old Grass on Hempstead Plains with an Addition thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue An Act entitled An Act to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle feeding on Hempsted Plains] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue An Act entitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act to continue An Act Entitled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered that the Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue An Act Entitled An Act for billeting and quartering his Majesty's Forces within this Colony] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till three o Clock Post Meridian.

Tuesday, the fourth day of November, 1760. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker.
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the five following Bills be now read the second time vizt

The Bill Entitled An Act for the better Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants Service.

The Bill Entitled An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act entitled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the debts and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.

The Bill Entitled An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Queens County and for repealing An Act entitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Queens County passed in the twenty seventh year of his present Majesty's Reign.

The Bill Entitled An Act for the better regulating and further laying out publick Highways in Queens County. And

The Bill Entitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Ulster County.

Then the said five Bills were read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Ordered that the Bill Entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for the better apprehending and securing Deserters from His Majesty's Forces in America together with another Act therein mentioned] Be now read the third time.

Then the sd Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the sd Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act to regulate the collecting the duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty one to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty two] Be now read the third time.

Then the s^d Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved that the s^d Bill do Pass.
Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.
Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act to continue An Act Entitled An Act to prevent the setting on fire or burning the old Grass on Hempstead Plains with an Addition thereto] be now read the third time.
Then the s^d Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.
Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue An Act entitled An Act to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle feeding on Hampstead Plains] be now read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Wednesday, the 5th day of November, 1760. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
JOSIAH MARTIN, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants Service] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of An Act Entitled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the debts and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house on the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Queens County and for repealing An Act Entitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Queens County passed in the twenty seventh year of his present Majesty's Reign] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third Reading.
The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better regulating and further laying out Publick Highways in Queens County] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Ulster County] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Alderman Livingston with the Bill Entitled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the Major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entitled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the several officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty two] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Alderman Livingston and Mr Hicks with the Bill Entitled [An Act for making Process in Courts of Equity effectual against Mortgagors who abscond and cannot be served therewith or who refuse to appear] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Vrooman and Mr Bruyn with the Bill Entitled [An Act for the extinguishing Fires in woods in the counties of Albany and Ulster] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said four Bills be read.

Then the said four Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the sixth day of November, 1760. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered that the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants Service] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Smith dissented to the said Bill and his Dissent is entered accordingly with leave to insert his Reasons in the Minutes.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act Entitled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered that the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Queens County and for repealing An Act Entitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of

Estates in Queens County passed in the twenty seventh year of his present Majesty's Reign] Be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered that the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better regulating and further laying out publick Highways in Queens County be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered that the Bill Entitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Ulster County] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Martin do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds by a Tax on Estates real and Personal in the said City] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and sixty one] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and ordered him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act for making Process in Courts of Equity effectual against Mortgagors who abscond and cannot be served therewith or who refuse to appear] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and ordered him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act for the extinguishing Fires in Woods in the Counties of Albany and Ulster] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the 7th day of November, 1760.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Smith delivered in at the Table his REASONS against passing the Bill for the Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants service. Which were

Ordered to be entered and are as follow

First It exposes the Liberty of the Subject to the Arbitrary Decision of a Justice of the Peace, contrary to the Great Charter, and therein exceeds the power of Legislation within this Province.

2dly It leaves the mariner too much in the Power of the Master, who would not be obliged by any words in the Bill to give the Seamen a discharge in writing when his Contract is performed, and yet his wages may be detained for want of it.

3dly It bears excessively hard upon a Seaman, who when out of Business, and perhaps a Stranger waiting for Justice may have no money, and yet cannot have any Credit for the Necessaries of life from any Innholder beyond ten shillings.

4thly It wants that due Temperament of Justice and Equity, requisite in all Laws. It does not sufficiently express nor effectually secure the rights of Seamen. It carries penaltys against them beyond the British Act of Parliament and tends to Reduce them to a kind of Vassalage and Slavery to Masters and owners of Vessells, in a manner inconsistent with the Spirit and freedom of the British Constitution.

5thly It is utterly inconsistent with sound policy to put Seamen under unreasonable hardships and Discouragements, while the Wealth and Power of Great Britain and its Colonies depends so much upon Seamen.

For which Reasons among some others appearing to me in the Bill, I hold myself obliged to dissent from its passing this House in its present form without Amendment.

Wm SMITH 6th Novr 1760.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, for the time being or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds, by a Tax on Estates real and personal in the said City] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the sd Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries and services of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty one] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act for making Process in Courts of Equity effectual against Mortgagors who abscond and cannot be served therewith or who refuse to appear] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act for extinguishing fires in Woods in the Counties of Albany and Ulster] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills, without any amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplanck and Captain Seaman with the Bill Entitled [An Act to empower William Baker and Robert Charles Esquires of the City of London to receive certain sums of money allotted to this Colony, out of the Monies Voted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Renselear and Mr Dow with the Bill Entitled [An Act for altering and explaining part of An Act Entitled, An Act for regulating, clearing and further laying out Publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany] desiring the concurrence of the council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Vrooman and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entitled [An Act for confirming the Estates and Possessions, and to quiet the minds of the Inhabitants of the Township of Schenectady] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said three Bills be read.

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wisner and Colonel Haring with the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair common and publick Highways at the North side of the Highlands in the County of Orange] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock Post Meridiem.

Friday, the 7th day of November, 1760. P. M.

The Council met according to agreement.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act to empower William Baker and Robert Charles Esqrs of the City of London to receive certain sums of Money allotted to this Colony out of the Monies voted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act for altering and explaining part of An Act entitled, An Act for regulating clearing and further laying out Publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in repair common and publick Highways at the North side of the Highlands in the County of Orange] be now read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the sd Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 8th day of November, 1760. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act to empower William Baker and Robert Charles Esquires of the City of London, to receive certain sums of money allotted to this Colony out of the Monies voted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies] be now read the third time.

Then the sd Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act for altering and explaining part of An Act entitled An Act for regulating clearing and further laying out publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and publick Highways at the North side of the Highlands in the County of Orange] be now read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

His Honour the President being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the immediate Attendance of that House

And the General Assembly attending accordingly

His Honour the President in presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to nineteen Bills the Titles whereof are as follow.

An Act further to continue An Act Entitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the Several Officers of the Government to the first day of September One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty One.

An Act to Continue an Act entitled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia.

An Act further to Continue an Act entitled An Act for billeting and Quartering his Majesty's forces within this Colony.

An Act to Continue an Act entitled An Act for the better Apprehending and Securing deserters from his Majesty's forces in America together with another Act therein mentioned.

An Act to regulate the Collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty One To the first day of January One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty two.

An Act for the better Government and Regulation of Seamen in the Merchants Service.

An Act further to Continue the Currency of the bills of Credit emitted by Virtue of an Act entitled An Act for emitting bills of Credit for the payment of the debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for making process in Courts of Equity effectual against Mortgagors who abscond and Cannot be Served therewith, or who refuse to Appear.

An Act to impower William Baker and Robert Charles Esquires of the City of London to receive Certain Sums of Money Alloted to this Colony by his Majesty out of the Monies Voted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies.

An Act to Continue an Act entitled An Act to prevent the Setting on Fire or burning the Old Grass on Hempstead Plains with an Addition thereto.

An Act further to Continue an Act entitled An Act to Prevent the penning and Folding of Sheep and Neat Cattle Feeding on Hempstead Plains.

An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Queens County and for repealing An Act entitled, An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Queens County passed in the Twenty Seventh Year of his present Majesty's Reign.

An Act for the better regulating and further laying Out publick highways in Queens County.

An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Ulster County.

An Act to impower and enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the Time being or the major part of them to order the raising a Sum not Exceeding five hundred Pounds by a Tax on Estates real and personal in the said City.

An Act for the Extinguishing fires in Woods, in the Counties of Albany and Ulster.

An Act for altering and Explaining part of an Act, entitled, An Act for regulating, Clearing, and further laying out publick highways throughout the City and County of Albany.

An Act for the better laying Out regulating and keeping in repair Common and publick highways at the North Side of the Highlands in the County of Orange.

After which the said nineteen Acts were published in the usual manner, and his Honour the President, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, The president was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn that House to Tuesday the sixth day of January next.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Honour the President having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn that House to Tuesday the sixth day of January next.

The Council therefore adjourned to the said sixth day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty one.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIX., 56.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire President of His Majesty's Council and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *sixth* day of *January* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the

third day of *February* next of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirty first* day of *December* in the *thirty fourth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. LXXXIX., 75.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esquire President of His Majesty's Council and Commander in (L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS in pursuance of his Majesty's Writts bearing date the *twenty first* day of *January* last, the Representatives to be chosen by virtue of the said Writts, are to be and appear at the city of *New York* on *Tuesday* the *third* day of *March* Instant, to Assist in a General Assembly to be then and there held for the said Province I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue the said General Assembly And I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *tenth* day of *March* Instant then to meet and proceed on Business Of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *second* day of *March* 1761 in the *first* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God, of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-NINTH ASSEMBLY FIRST SESSION

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the* tenth *day of* March *in the* first year *of the* Reign *of our* Soveraign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty one.

The General Assembly of this Province being dissolved on the Demise of his late Majesty King George the Second, Writts were issued on the twenty first day of January last for electing Representatives to serve in General Assembly, returnable the third day of March Instant: But His Honour the President having by advice of His Majesty's Council, on the second day of March Instant, issued a Proclamation proroguing the General Assembly untill this day.

The Council therefore met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esquire, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the President being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the imediate attendance of such Members of the General Assembly as were qualifyed.

Twenty four Members appearing accordingly, His Honour the President was pleased to order them to return to the Assembly Chamber and choose a Speaker and present him for his approbation to Morrow Morning, 11 o Clock in the Council Chamber.

His Honour the President then left the Council Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the 11th *day of March*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^{rs}.

His Honour the President being come to the Council Chamber the Members of the General Assembly who had taken the Oaths attended in pursuance of His Honour's Directions yesterday, and presented William Nicoll Esquire as Their Speaker for his Honours approbation, who was pleased to approve of the said William Nicoll as their Speaker.

The said Speaker then addressing himself to his Honour the President after a short Apology expressing his sense of his own Inabilities, desired in behalf of the whole House, that their Words and Actions might always have a favourable construction; that the Members might from time to time have free access to his Honour; and that they and their servants might be priviledged and protected as usual.

To which his Honour the President was pleased to say, that all their just Rights and priveledges should be maintained.

His Honour the President was then pleased to make a speech to the Council and General Assembly and to deliver one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another copy to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Honour then returned to his Residence.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Honour the President's Speech be read, and the Speech being read

Ordered, that the same be entered in the Minutes, which is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

Tho' the Death of our late most excellent Sovereign, has been for some time known, and sincerely lamented by his faithfull American Subjects; I cannot pass over so melancholy an Event, without condoling with you on this severe and afflicting Loss, and giving you an Opportunity of testifying the gratefull reverence you have, for the Memory of a King, by whose Wisdom and Fortitude, the Inhabitants of these Colonies, have emerged from all the Horrors and Miseries of a cruel and destructive War, into the actual Enjoyment of Conquest and full Security.

How great Reason have we to adore the Goodness of Divine Providence, that we can turn our Eyes from this Subject of universal Grief, and with Consolation look up to the illustrious Prince, who, with the Throne inherits the Royal Virtues of his Grandfather—Virtues which never fail to make a Monarch glorious and a People happy! That we can from his early Piety and amiable endowments, securely confide in his gracious Declaration at his Accession. *That he will make it the Business of his Life, to promote in every Thing the Glory and Happiness of his Kingdoms to preserve and strengthen the Constitution both in Church and State; and that he will endeavour to prosecute this just and necessary Warr in the Manner the most likely to bring on an honourable and lasting Peace.*

Deeply sensible of the Blessings we enjoy as a British Colony, let us unite in a hearty and inviolable Attachment to the sacred Person and Government of a Sovereign, who considers the Love of his People, as the greatest and most permanent Security of his Throne; and approve ourselves an all Occasions, zealous and faithfull Subjects.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The Troops having been necessarily detained on the last Campaign, beyond the time for which Pay was provided, I recōmend this as a Matter deserving your Consideration.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The General having intimated to me, that his Majesty wou'd expect an Aid of Men from his Colonies; I called you together, that I might impart to you the King's Commands as early as possible, after I shou'd receive them. Untill this shall be in my Power, you will apply your Attention to such Laws as are necessary to be continued, or to any other Business the publick Service may at this Time require, in which you will always find me ready to concurr.

Fort George, City of New York, CADWALLADER COLDEN.
March 11, 1761.

Ordered that his honour the Presidents Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Horsmanden then moved that an Humble Address might be presented by this House to his Honour the President in Answer to his Speech, which motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved that an humble Address be presented to his Honour the President accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden Mr Smith and Mr Watts be a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they prepare and bring in the same to morrow.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 12th *day of March*, 1761.

The Council mett according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Horsmanden from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Address to his Honour the President Reported that the Committee had prepared the Draft thereof, which he

read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where it was again read and being agreed to was

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock.

Friday, the 13th *day of March*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Address to his Honour the President was read and approved of.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the said Engrossed Address, and

The Speaker having signed the said Address

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden and Mr Chambers do wait on his Honour the President and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended with the humble Address of the Council.

The said Gentlemen being returned Reported that they had waited on his Honour the President with the said Message, and that he had been pleased to say he wou'd receive the Councils Address at 12 o clock this day in the Council Chamber at Fort George.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with

The Gentlemen of the Council went to present their Address to his Honour the President, and being returned,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the Council attended his Honour the President, and presented to him the Council's Address His Honour had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which being read.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes which are as follow vizt.

To the Honourable CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr President of his Majesty's Council and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York & the Territories depending thereon in America

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council for the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour

We his Majesty's most dutifull and loyal Subjects the Council for the Province of New York, return your Honour our hearty thanks for your Speech.

Most sensibly affected with the melancholly Event, we sincerely condole with your Honour the Death of our late most gracious Soveraign of Glorious memory; especially considering that under his auspicious Government by his wisdom and fortitude, the Inhabitants of these Colonies have been delivered from the Horrors and miseries of a Cruel, bloody and destructive warr, and put into the actual enjoyment of Conquest, and full security of their Religeon, Liberties and Properties.

How inconsolable wou'd have been the universal Grief, had not the Goodness of Divine Providence at the same time, bless'd us with an Amiable and illustrious prince, the Inheritor of his Royal Grandfathers virtues, as well as his Crown; from whose early Piety and most excellent accomplishments, we may most confidently rely on his Gracious Declaration at his accession, that nothing will be wanting on his Majesty's part to make us a happy and flourishing people.

Gratefully affected with the Blessings we enjoy as a British Colony we cannot but unite in a hearty and inviolable attachment to the sacred person and Government of a Soveraign, who considers the affections of his people as the greatest and most permanent security of his Throne: And we shall not fail, on every occasion to approve ourselves his Majesty's most zealous and faithfull Subjects.

By order of the Council
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY Speaker.

City of New York, Council Chamber
13th of March 1761.

His Honour the PRESIDENT's Answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this Address in which you so fully testify the great share you take in the general grief on the Death of our late excellent King: and I am confident you will on every occasion, demonstrate the firmness of your Loyalty to our present most Gracious Soveraign.

Fort George New York CADWALLADER COLDEN.
13th March 1761.

Mr Chambers moved that an humble Address might be presented by this House, to condole his Majesty on the death of our late most excellent Soveraign, and to congratulate his Majesty on his happy Accession to the Throne; And that the General Assembly might be desired by this House to joyn in the said Address.

Which motion being seconded and agreed to unanimously

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden Mr Smith and Mr Watts be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the draft of the said Address.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath appointed Mr Horsmanden Mr Smith and Mr Watts a Committee to prepare the draft of an humble Address to condole his Majesty on the death of our late most excellent Soveraign, and to congratulate his Majesty on his happy Accession to the Throne, and that this House do desire the General Assembly wou'd appoint a Committee of their House to join the Committee of the Council for the purpose aforesaid.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 14th *day of March,* 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono'ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Mr Haasbrouck, acquainting this House, that the General Assembly have appointed Mr Cruger, Alderman Livingston, Captain Livingston, Major Lispenard and Mr Bayard, a Committee to join the Committee of this House, at such time and Place as this House shall appoint, to prepare a joint Draft of an humble Address, to condole his Majesty on the death of our late most excellent Soveraign, and to congratulate his Majesty on his happy Accession to the Throne.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday the 24th Instant at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the 24th *day of March,* 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
JOSIAH MARTIN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyard Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Honour the President which being read was

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen,

During your short Recess, I have received a Letter of the 17th December last, from the Right Honourable Mr Secretary Pitt; and it gives me Pleasure to inform you, that his Majesty having nothing so much at Heart, as by the most vigorous Prosecution of the War, to reduce the Enemy to the Necessity of accepting a Peace, on Terms of Glory and Advantage to his Majesty's Crown, and beneficial in particular to his Subjects in America; and as nothing can so effectually contribute to that great and essential Object, as the King's being enabled to employ as imediately as may be, such Part of the regular Forces in North America, as may be adequate to some great and important Enterprize against the Enemy; it is the Kings Pleasure, that in order the better to provide for the full and entire Security of his Majesty's Conquests there, during the Absence of such Part of the regular Forces; I shoud earnestly press you to raise with all possible Dispatch within this Goverment, Two Thirds of the Number of Men you did for the last Campaign, to be formed into Regiments as fair as shall be found convenient, to hold themselves in Readiness, and particularly as much earlier than former Years as may be, to march to such Place or Places in North America, as his Majesty's Commander in Chief shall appoint, in order to be employed there under the Supreme Command of his Majesty's said Commander in Chief in America, in such Manner as he shall judge most conducive to the King's Service.

And the better to facilitate this important End the King is pleased to leave it to me to issue Commissions to such Gentlemen of this Province, as I shall judge from their Weight and Credit with the People and their Zeal for the publick Service, may be best disposed and able to quicken and effectuate the speedy levying of the greatest Number of Men; and all Officers of the Provincial Forces as high as Colonels inclusive, are to have Rank according to their respective Commissions, agreeable to the Regulations contained in his late Majesty's Warrant of the 30th of December, 1757, which is renewed by his present Majesty.

The King is further pleased to furnish all the Men so raised, with Arms, Am'unition, and Tents, as well as to order Provisions to be issued to them by his Majesty's Commissaries, in the same Proportion and Manner, as is done to the Rest of his Forces.

The Whole therefore, that his Majesty expects and requires from the several Provinces, is the levying cloathing, and pay of the Men: And on these Heads also, that no Encouragement may be wanting to this great and salutary Service; the King is further most graciously pleased, to permit his Secretary of State to acquaint me, that strong Recommendations will be made to Parliament, in their Session next Year, to grant a proper Compensation for such Expences as above, according as the active Vigour and strenuous Efforts of the respective Provinces, shall justly appear to merit.

I am likewise to inform you, that similar Orders are sent to New Hampshire, Massachusets Bay, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Jersey. The Southern Governments are also directed to raise Men in the same Manner, to be employed in such offensive Operations as the Circumstances and Situation of the Enemy's Posts, and the State and Disposition of the Indian Nations on that Side, may point out and require.

Such are his Majesty's gracious Measures, formed to procure Peace with Glory to his Crown, and Advantage to his Subjects in general, but with a more immediate View to the Security of his American Dominions, and the Welfare of this Province in particular. I cannot therefore doubt of your hearty Complyance with his Majesty's just Expectations, especially when you reflect with what Tenderness he requires that Assistance, which the publick Good, and your own Peculiar Happiness, render so necessary, and how desirous he is of alleviating the Burthen which might otherwise fall too heavy on you.

The Loyalty of the People of this Province, and their invariable Regard to the Honour and Interest of their Country, have been so conspicuous during this expensive Conflict, that it wou'd be injurious to suspect that your Zeal can slacken, or that in this decisive juncture, you can be influenced by any Consideration, from continuing chearfully to exert your utmost Efforts, until the great and good Purposes his Majesty has in View, shall be effectually accomplished.

Unanimity and Dispatch appear then only necessary for me to urge on this Subject, and I earnestly press you by the Vigour of your Resolutions to enable me to have the Forces in the Field as soon as possible, and by that Means prevent as much as may be, the Prejudice the King's Service might suffer, from the Delay unavoidably created by the Miscarriage of his Majesty's more early Commands on this interesting occasion.

Fort-George, New-York, CADWALLADER COLDEN.
March 24, 1761.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
JOSIAH MARTIN, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have appointed that the joint Committees who are to prepare the Joint Draft of an humble Address to condole his Majesty on the Death of our late most Excellent Soveraign and to congratulate his Majesty on his happy Accession to the Throne, Do meet for that purpose on Thursday the 26th day of March Instant at the House of Edward Willet in this city.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday the 1st day of April next.

Wednesday, the first day of April, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Mr Peter Livingston with the Bill Entitled [An Act for raising paying and Cloathing seventeen hundred and eighty seven effective Men, Officers included, to be employed in securing his Majesty's Conquests in North America, and other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the 2d day of April, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entitled [An Act for raising paying and cloathing seventeen hundred and eighty seven effective men, Officers included to be employed in securing his Majestys Conquests in North America and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Dow and Mr Ten Brook with the Bill Entitled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of Albany

for the time being or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Afternoon three o clock.

Friday, the 3d day of April, 1761. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act for raising paying and Cloathing seventeen hundred and eighty seven effective Men, Officers included, to be employed in securing his Majesty's Conquests in North America and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone thrô the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonality of the City of Albany, for the time being, or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds by a Tax on Estates real & personal in the said City] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Alderman Livingston and Mr Schenck with the Bill Entitled [An Act to revive An Act Entitled An Act for Regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the fourth day of April, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to revive An Act Entitled An Act for Regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock P. M.

Saturday, the 4th day of April, 1761. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esquire, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entitled [An Act for raising paying and cloathing seventeen hundred and eighty seven effective men, officers included, to be employed in securing his Majesty's Conquests in North America, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Council then agreeable to a Message from his Honour the President adjourned to the Council Chamber in Fort George, where being met

His Honour the President came to the Council Chamber, and sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the imediate attendance of that House.

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Honour the President in presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his assent to two Bills the Titles whereof are as follow

An Act for raising paying and Cloathing Seventeen hundred and eighty seven effective men, Officers included to be employed in securing his Majesty's Conquests in North America, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to revive An Act Entitled An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner, and His Honour the President, the Council and the General Assembly, being returned to the Council Chamber, the President was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House to Tuesday the fifth day of May next, then to meet to proceed on Business.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Honour the President having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly, to adjourn the House to Tuesday the fifth day of May next, the Council therefore adjourned to the said fifth day of May next.

Tuesday, the fifth day of May, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the sixth day of May, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Honour the President which being read was
Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows vizt

Gentlemen,

It appears by the Return which I have ordered to be laid before you, that the new Levies fall greatly short of the Number provided for by the Law passed at your last Meeting; nor do I find any Encouragement to hope they will be compleated, without your farther and more effectual Aid, few Men being raised in many of the Counties, in Proportion to the Quota expected of them

You must be sensible that the intended Operations are evidently calculated with a view to retain, and secure to the Kings American Subjects, the great and extensive Advantages already gained over the Enemy. His Majesty cannot then but look for the most animated Resolutions from a people, whose own immediate Interest is so nearly concerned in the Success of his Measures, and who, on every Occasion, during the present War, have been among the most zealous and forward to promote the general service.

I therefore persuade myself, that actuated by the same Spirit and Vigour, which hath hitherto set this Colony in so respectable a Light to her Mother Country, you will now by a Law similar to the several Acts passed on the like Occasions, enable me to have the full Number of Men in the Field without loss of Time, and as you may rely on their being discharged, whenever the State of the publick Affairs will admit of it, I hope you will lengthen the period of their Service, by extending the Provision for their Subsistance beyond the first of November, to avoid the Inconveniencies otherwise so justly to be apprehended.

Fort George New York
6th May 1761.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

The Council adjourned till Saturday next at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Saturday, the 9th day of May, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Schenck and Mr Peter R. Livingston with the Bill Entitled [An Act for raising a Sum not exceeding three thousand Pounds by way of Lottery for building a Light House] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the morning.

Tuesday, the 12th day of May, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Bayard with the Bill Entitled "An Act for the Relief of Insolvent debtors & for repealing the Acts therein mentioned] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till Thursday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Thursday, the 14th day of May, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Lispenard and Mr Dow with the Bill Entitled [An Act to prevent disputes and Controversies which may arise by the demise of the Crown and for other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Alderman Livingston and Colonel Philipse with the Bill Entitled [An Act for naturalizing John De Lisle, Fredrick Frank and others whose Names are therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Bill Entitled [An Act for the relief of Insolvent debtors and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entitled [An Act for raising a sum not exceeding three thousand Pounds by way of Lottery for building a Light House] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the 15th *day of May*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Mr Cruger with the Bill Entitled [An Act providing that the Judges of the Supreme Court shall have their Commissions during good Behaviour] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Colonel Philipse with the Bill Entitled [An Act to enable the Supervizors of the County of Westchester to raise the Sum of One thousand six hundred and six Pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Philipse and Mr Ten Brook with the Bill Entitled [An Act to amend and make valid the Acts therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read.

Then the said Bills were severally read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock P. M.

Friday, the 15th *day of May*, 1761. P^{t}. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entitled [An Act providing that the Judges of the Supreme Court shall have their Commissions during good Behaviour] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to amend and make valid the Acts therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to enable the Supervizors of the County of Westchester to raise the Sum of One thousand six hundred and six pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entitled [An Act for raising a Sum not exceeding three thousand Pounds by way of Lottery for building a Light House] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to prevent disputes and Controversies which may arise by the Demise of the Crown and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entitled [An Act for naturalizing John De Lisle, Frederick Frank and others whose names are therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 16th *day of May*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till 11 o Clock Monday Morning next.

Monday, the 18th *day of May*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,
DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act for raising a sum not exceeding three thousand pounds by way of Lottery for Building a Light House] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to amend and make valid the Acts therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendmeut.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to enable the Supervizors of the County of Westchester to raise the sum of one thousand six hundred and six Pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonality of the City of Albany for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty Pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till Six o Clock in the afternoon.

Monday the 18th *day of May*, 1761. P. Mer.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to prevent Disputes and Controversies which may arise by the demise of the Crown, and for other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the Whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act providing that the Judges of the Supreme Court shall have their Commissions during good Behaviour] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.
Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Afternoon 3 o Clock to meet at the Council Chamber in Fort George.

Tuesday, the 19th *day of May*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
His Honour the President being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly and the General Assembly attending accordingly.
His Honour the President was pleased in the presence of the Council and General Assembly to give his Assent to five Bills the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned.

An Act to amend and make valid the Acts therein mentioned.

An Act for raising a sum not exceeding three thousand Pounds by way of Lottery for Building a Light House.

An Act to enable the Supervizors of the County of Westchester to raise the sum of one thousand six hundred and six Pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned.

An Act to empower and Enable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonality of the City of Albany for the time being or the major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner, and his Honour the President the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber,
The President was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to proceed to the Assembly Chamber in the City Hall and adjourn the House untill Tuesday the sixteenth day of June next.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
His Honour the President having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House to Tuesday the sixteenth day of June next the Council therefore adjourned to the said sixteenth day of June next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., LXXXIX., 141.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr President of his Majesty's Council and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America.*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *sixteenth* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn And I do by and with the Advice of his Majestys Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the

fourteenth day of *July* next of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *tenth* day of *June* 1761 in the *First* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sêcry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XC., 2.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr President of His Majesty's Council and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *fourteenth* day of *July* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn And I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly, to *Tuesday* the *eleventh* day of *August* next: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *eighth* day of *July* 1761 in the *first* year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sêcry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XC., 14.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to this day; I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Wednesday* the *second* day of *September* Instant then to meet at the City Hall in the City of New York to proceed upon Business: Of

which All his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein, are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *September* 1761 in the *first* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By *His Honour's Command*
GW BANYAR *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

TWENTY NINTH ASSEMBLY SECOND SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Wednesday *the* second *day of* September *in the* first year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain, France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty one.

The General Assembly having on the 19th day of May last adjourned to the 16th day of June following: And having by sundry Proclamations been farther adjourned as follows On the 10th of the said Month of June to the fourteenth day of July On the Eighth day of the said Month of July to the Eleventh day of August On the fifth day of August to the first day of September Instant, When the Honourable Cadwallader Colden Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, was pleased by his Proclamation issued with the advice of his Majesty's Council to prorogue the said General Assembly to this Day.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Honourable Cadwallader Colden Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor made a Speech to the Council and Genl Assembly, and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another copy to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor attended as usual then returned to the Fort.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be read.

Then the speech was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

Since our last Meeting, I have the Honour of his Majesty's Commission appointing me his Lieutenant Governor. As this is a Mark of the royal Approbation, my Thanks are due to you, for that effectual Support and Assistance, so readily afforded on your Part, and so necessary to mine, in the Discharge of the weighty Dutys of Government.

The Time for which the Forces raised in the Province were inlisted, already near expiring, it is not possible the regular Troops destined for the important intended Expedition, can return before it is elapsed; and as in their Absence, a small Body of Men will be necessary for the Protection of the several Forts, and the whole Country: His Excellency General Amherst by his Letter of the fifteenth of June, now laid before you, desires me to recommend your continuing in Pay, for a longer Period, a Company to consist of one hundred and seventy three Men, including a Captain and three Subalterns; the Quota of this Government, agreeable to the Numbers required of the several Colonies for this essential Service.

Your Meeting could not have taken Place, after the Receipt of the General's Letter, earlier than the Harvest, a Season so inconvenient, that by the Advice of his Majesty's Council, who were of Opinion, you wou'd not hesitate in complying with this moderate and necessary Requisition, I delayed calling you together till this Time.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The Supplies to be granted, bear so little Proportion to what we might have expected, and to that weight of Expence you have hitherto chearfully sustained, that to press you to it by Arguments, may be thought injurious to that Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and the Safety of his Colonies, so conspicuous in your own and the Conduct of the Representatives of the loyal People of this Province, on every former Occasion.

The present unfavourable Disposition of the Indians on the Borders of Ulster and Orange creates great uneasiness among the Inhabitants. The Information I have received will be communicated, and as some Expence may be incurred, in the Prosecution of the Measures, necessary to deter these Savages from Acts of Violence, and to bring them back to their Duty, you will consider whether it may not be prudent, by some Fund for contingent Services, to strengthen the Hands of Government, that the most effectual Protection may be given to the Settlements on any Emergency.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

What appears immediately essential for your Deliberation I have laid before you. It wou'd afford me the greatest Pleasure to contribute to the Happiness, Ease and Prosperity of the good People of this Province: But as the Powers of Government, will probably soon be lodged in the Hands of Major General Monckton, whose Services his Majesty hath been pleased to distinguish, by constituting him his Captain General and Governor in Chief, I think it improper for me to recommend any Thing to you, which may be delayed without publick Inconvenience.

Fort George New York CADWALLADER COLDEN.
2d September 1761.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Chambers then moved that an Humble Address might be presented by this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by this House accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Horsmanden, Mr Chambers and Mr Smith be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address; and that they lay the same before this House with all Convenient Speed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the third day of September, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honourable* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

Daniel Horsmanden,
John Chambers,
William Smith,
William Walton,
Oliver De Lancey, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Chambers from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented by this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, Reported that the Committee had prepared a draft of the said Address, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being agreed to was

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Hononr the Lieutenant Governor was read and approved of.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address. Who having signed the same

Ordered, that Mr Chambers and Mr Smith do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned Reported that they had waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and delivered the said Message, and that he was pleased to say he would receive the Councils Address to Morrow Morning at 11 o Clock in the Council Chamber at Fort George.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the 4th day of September, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

DANIEL HORSMANDEN,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council went to Fort George to present the humble Address of this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

And the Council being returned.

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that the Council having attended his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and presented to him the humble Address of this House.

His Honour had been pleased to return a f[av]ourable Answer thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, where the same was read.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes of this House which are as follow

To the Honourable CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majestys Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America

The humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour,

The Council beg leave to return you their thanks for your Speech and to offer you their congratulations on your advancement to the Dignity of Lieutenant Governor—A mark not only of the Royal favour, but of his Majesty's approbation of your Conduct in discharge of the weighty duties of Government. The same Zeal and unwearied Diligence hitherto so conspicuous, we doubt not will be continued throughout your administration.

Professing the most unshaken Loyalty to our Gracious Soveraign, and fully sensible of the advantages derived to these Colonies from the Happy success attending the Vigorous Prosecution of the war; you may Sir rely on our ready assent to the aid required by the General, whose Fortitude, Wisdom, and Benevolence have justly acquired him the confidence and esteem of His Majesty's Subjects on this extensive Continent.

By Order of the Council
ARCHIBALD KENNEDY Speaker.

Council Chamber
New York 3d September 1761.

His HONOUR'S Answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this very obliging Address.

Your Loyalty testifyed on this, as on all occasions. and the proper light in which you consider the important advantages derived to these Colonies by the vigorous and successfull prosecution of the War, must approve you highly worthy of the Confidence reposed in you by his Majesty.

With pleasure I join in the sentiments you so justly entertain of the General, whose distinguished Abilities have deservedly recommended him to the Royal favour, and gained him universal esteem and applause.

Fort George New York CADWALLADER COLDEN.
4 September 1761.

Ordered that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.
The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the eighth day of September, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Asssembly by Mr Verplanck and Colonel Haasbrouck with the Bill Entitled [An Act providing for one hundred and seventy three Volunteers, officers included, to be employed in protecting the different Posts on the Frontiers] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered, a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Alderman Livingston and Colonel Seaman with the Bill Entitled [An Act providing that the Judges of the Supreme Court shall have their Commissions during good behaviour] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Miller with the Bill Entitled [An Act to prohibit the acting of Plays or the Entertainment of the Stage in this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock.

Wednesday, the ninth day of September, 1761

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* ARCHIBALD KENNEDY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair,
The Bill Entitled [An Act providing for one hundred and seventy three Volunteers officers included to be employed in protecting the different Posts on the Frontiers] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Bill Entitled [An Act providing that the Judges of the Supreme Court shall have their Commissions during good Behaviour] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Bill Entitled [An Act to prohibit the acting of Plays or the Entertainment of the Stage in this Colony] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Major Lispenard with the Bill Entitled [An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of Damaged Goods imported into this Colony] Desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Mr Ten Brook with the Bill Entitled [An Act to prevent Disputes and Controversies which may arise by the Demise of the Crown and for confirming the courts of Common Law, and the Proceedings therein] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Douw and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entitled [An Act for naturalizing John De Lisle, Frederick Frank and one hundred and forty Eight others whose Names are therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till the Afternoon at 4 o Clock.

Wednesday, the ninth day of September, 1761. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honourable* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

John Chambers,
William Smith,
John Watts,
William Walton, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of Damaged Goods imported into this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to prevent Disputes and Controversies which may arise by the Demise of the Crown and for confirming the Courts of Common Law and the proceedings therein] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entitled [An Act for naturalizing John De Lisle, Frederick Frank and one hundred and forty eight others whose Names are therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the tenth day of September, 1761

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

John Chambers,
William Smith,
John Watts,
William Walton,
Josiah Martin, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act providing for one hundred and seventy three Volunteers, officers included, to be employed in protecting the different Posts on the Frontiers] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of Damaged Goods imported into this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act providing that the Judges of the Supreme Court shall have their Commissions during good Behaviour] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Kennedy dissented to the said Bill and his Dissent is entered accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Fryday, the eleventh day of September, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present—*The Honourable* Archibald Kennedy, Esqr, Speaker,

John Chambers,
William Smith,
John Watts,
William Walton, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entitled [An Act to prevent Disputes and Controversies which may arise by the Demise of the Crown, and for confirming the Courts of Common Law and the Proceedings therein] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act for naturalizing John De Lisle Frederick Frank and one hundred and forty eight others whose Names are therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker Resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Smith dissented to the said Bill, and his Dissent is entered accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly. And

The General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his assent to three Bills the Titles whereof are as follow

An Act providing for one hundred and seventy three Volunteers, Officers included, to be Employed in protecting the different Posts on the Frontiers.

An Act to prevent Frauds in the Sale of Damaged Goods imported into this Colony.

An Act for naturalizing John De Lisle Frederick Frank, and one hundred and forty eight others whose Names are therein mentioned.

After which the said Act was published in the usual manner, and his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and the General Assembly, being come into the Council Chamber.

His Honour was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House untill Tuesday the tenth day of November next, then to meet to proceed upon Business.

His Honour then returned to the Fort attended as usual.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday the Tenth day of November next.

TWENTY-NINTH ASSEMBLY THIRD SESSION.

At a Session of the Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the* twenty fourth *day of* November *in the* second year *of the* Reign *of our* Soveraign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and Sixty One.

The General Assembly having on the Eleventh day of September last, by the Direction of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor been adjourned to the tenth day of November Instant; And a Proclamation having on the thirty first day of October last been issued by his Excellency the Honoble Robert Monckton Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the territories depending thereon in America, and Major General of his Majesty's Forces; whereby the said General Assembly was prorogued to this Day then to meet to proceed on Business.

The Council met accordingly,

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the twenty fifth day of November, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Hono^ble Cadwallader Colden Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber
The General Assembly attending accordingly.
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor attended as usual then returned to the Fort.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
Ordered, that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be read.
Then the Speech was read and
Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly

His Majestys Service requiring the Absence of his Excellency the Governor in Chief, it shall be my earnest Endeavour, with your Assistance, that the Interest of the Province, during this Emergency suffer as little as possible.

In the present happy Conjuncture, when our gracious Sovereign has nothing to demand of you, that calls for your particular Aid, your Attention will be confined to what more immediately relates to the internal Concerns of Government, and the Welfare and Prosperity of the Colony.

Complaints of the dilatory Proceedings in the Courts of Law and of the heavy Expence in obtaining Justice, are so general and frequent, that they well deserve your Attention. I therefore recommend to you to enquire into the Grounds of these Complaints, and if found just, to apply a Remedy adequate to so great an Evil. Without doubt, it is the Duty and in the Power of the Legislature, to give Relief in every publick Grievance. The Delay of Justice is a Denial of it for a Time, and is often, when attended with great Expence, of worse Consequence to Individuals, than the absolute Refusal of Justice. The Security of Government and the well-being of Society are founded on the equal Distribution of Justice, which cannot prevail in its proper Extent, while the Expence in obtaining it is insupportable to many.

The excessive Number of Tipling Houses throughout the Province points out the Utility of a Law to restrain them. They are ruinous to many poor Families that might otherwise be usefull to the Community, and Destructive of the Morals of Servants and Slaves. Evils so prevalent and pernicious, as to claim your most serious Consideration.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

Besides the Support of his Majesty's Government, usually provided for at this Season, I have only to recommend, that you will Supply any Deficiency, which shall appear in the Monies already appropriated for the Pay of the Forces to the first of this Month, the Time of their Discharge.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

Nothing will afford me more real Satisfaction, than contributing to the Welbeing and future Happiness of the good People of this Province, and you may be assured that whatever you shall propose, conducive to this End and consistent with my Duty to his Majesty, will find my ready Concurrence and Assent.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

Fort George, New York,
25 November 1761.

Ordered that his Honour the Lieutenant Governors Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Walton then moved that an humble Address might be presented by this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to,

Resolved that an humble Address be presented by this House accordingly.

Ordered that Mr Smith Mr Watts & Mr Walton be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they lay the same before this House with all convenient Speed.

The Council Adjourned til Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the thirtieth day of November, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JOHN CHAMBERS, Esquire, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Watts from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented by this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, Reported that the Committee had prepared the draft of an Address accordingly, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being agreed to, was

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, was read and approved of.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the said Address, who having signed the same.

Ordered that Mr Smith and Mr Watts do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House, with their Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned Reported that they had waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and delivered the said Message, and that he was pleased to say, he would receive the Address of this House immediately at the Council Chamber in Fort George.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council went to Fort George to present the humble Address of this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and the Council being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Reported that the House having attended his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and presented to him their humble Address.

His Honour had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, where the same was read.

Ordered that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes of this House, which are as follow.

To the Honourable CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Council for the Province of New York, beg leave to return your Honour our thanks for your kind Speech.

Dilatory Proceedings in the Courts of Law, and a heavy expence in obtaining Justice, are objects which so sensibly affect the Publick, that they certainly claim the serious attention of

the Legislature; and if upon Enquiry the Complaints appear well grounded and Just, your Honour may be assured of our hearty concurrence in applying a Remedy adequate to the evil. Oppressions of all kinds are truly odious, but surely those are of the most pernicious Nature that assume the face of Justice.

The Utility of a Law to suppress the number of obscure disorderly Tipling Houses that prevail throughout the Province so much to the Prejudice of the Community in general and so destructive to Individuals in particular, is without doubt very evident — The Government cannot certainly want the means and therefore the greater will be the Reproach, if the evil is suffered to continue — In correcting not only this, but every other abuse that obstructs the good Oeconomy and Prosperity of the Province, your Honour will always find our chearful Assistance.

By order of the Council

New York 30 November 1761. JOHN CHAMBERS Speaker.

His Honour the LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS Answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you for this Address. It is not easy to conceive that complaints so general and frequent as those of the dilatory proceedings in the Courts of Justice in this Province and of the expence attending them, can be without some foundation, especially when they have gone so far as to reach the Royal Ear, as appears by the late Kings 32d Instruction to Sir Charles Hardy.

I make not the least doubt of your assistance in every thing for the Benefit of the People of this Province.

Fort-George New-York. CADWALLADER COLDEN.
30th November 1761.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

Ordered, that the Deputy Clerk of this House do write to Mr Horsmanden and Colonel Martin, acquainting them that this House conceiving their attendance necessary for the dispatch of the Publick Business, desire their attendance accordingly.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday the fifteenth day of December next.

Tuesday, the 15th *day of December*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Verplanck with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Mr Bayard with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit, emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts, and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and other purposes therein mentioned, passed in the eleventh year of his late Majesty's Reign] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Alderman Livingston and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to impower the Trustees of fraudulent and absconding Debtors appointed or to be appointed pursuant to an Act Entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds in debtors] to exercise the powers they are or may be invested with] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the 16th *day of December*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which being read was
Ordered to be entered on the Minutes and is as follows vizt.

Gentlemen,

As for some Years past no Provision has been made for the Salary of Chief Justice, I think it proper to inform you that Benjamin Pratt, Esq, has received his Majesty's Commission for that Office, and has already entered upon it: A Gentleman whose Knowledge and Integrity must render him highly acceptable to the People of this Province. I therefore recommend that the Provision for this Officer be suitable to the Dignity and great Trust of the Office. It is well known that when the Salary of the Chief Justice was first fix't at £300 about the year 1715, the Value of the current Money was much higher and the Price of all Necessaries for the Support of a Family much lower than at present: and I hope you will think it highly unreasonable that a Gentleman should employ his Time in the Service of the Publick, at the Expence of his own private Fortune.

Fort George New York
16th December 1761.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more Effectual Prevention of fires and for Regulating of Buildings in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered that the said Bill be Read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled [An Act to impower and Enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, or the Major part of them, to order the raising a sum not Exceeding Eighteen hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City, for fixing of Lamps and Providing a Sufficient number of Watchmen] Desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Lispenard and Mr Miller with the Bill entituled [An Act to impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, or the major part of them, to order the Raising a sum not Exceeding seven hundred pounds by a tax on Estates real and Personal in the said City] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Mr Miller with the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Kings County to raise the sum of four hundred and thirty one pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered, a second Reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to Coutinue an Act Entituled an Act for Granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes Imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to Continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by virtue of an Act Entituled An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the Better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned passed in the Eleventh year of his late Majesty's Reign] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act more Effectually to impower the Trustees of fraudulent and absconding Debtors appointed or to be appointed pursuant to an Act Entituled [An Act to prevent frauds in Debtors] to Exercise the Powers they are or may be invested with] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the 17th *day of December*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honourable* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

John Chambers,
William Smith,
John Watts, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Lispenard and Mr Douw with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for Partition of Lands in order thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Alderman Livingston and Mr Bruyn with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Persons therein named to recover and collect the Arrears of the Excise on Tea due on the Acts therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Seaman and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled [An Act for cording Firewood brought into the City of New York for sale] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entitled [An Act Providing that the Judges of the Supreme Court shall have their Commissions during good Behaviour] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more Effectual Prevention of Fires and for regulating of buildings in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to impower and Enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, or the Major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding Eighteen hundred Pounds, by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City for Fixing of Lamps and Providing a sufficient number of Watchmen] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to Impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, Or the Major part of them, to Order the Raising a Sum not Exceeding seven hundred Pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to Enable the Supervisors of Kings County to raise the Sum of Four hundred and Thirty One Pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the Eighteenth day of December, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more Effectual Collecting his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for Partition of Lands in Order thereto] was read the Second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to impower the Persons therein named to recover and Collect the Arrears of the Excise on Tea due on the Acts therein mentioned] was read the Second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for Cording Firewood brought into the City of New York for Sale] was read the Second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act Providing that the Judges of the Supreme Court shall have their Commissions during good Behaviour] was read the Second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Colonel Haring with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Livingston and Mr Bayard with the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the collecting the duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and sixty two to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty three] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Groot with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect the Sum of Eighty seven Pounds thirteen Shillings in the City and County of New York for services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent transient Persons from selling Goods at Vendue in Richmond County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by Virtue of an Act Entituled an Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and other purposes therein mentioned passed in the Eleventh year of his late Majestys Reign] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third Time.

Then the said Bill was read the third Time and

On the Question being Put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered that Mr De Lancey do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more Effectual Prevention of Fires and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New York] And after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to impower and Enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the Time being, or the Major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not Exceeding Eighteen hundred Pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City, for fixing of Lamps and Providing a Sufficient number of Watchmen] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, or the Major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding seven hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Kings County to raise the sum of four hundred and thirty one pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the 19th *day of December*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Bruyn with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Disputes and Controversies which may arise by the Demise of the Crown, and for confirming the Courts of Common Law and the proceedings therein] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bruyn and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act to divide the Highland Precinct in Ulster County into two Precincts] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Broeck and Captain Livingston with the Bill Entitled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for regulating clearing and further laying out Publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prohibit the acting of Plays or the Entertainment of the Stage in this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Bill Entituled [An Act further to Continue An Act Entituled An Act for Regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the said Bill
Ordered a third Reading.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to Regulate the Collecting the duty of Excise on Strong Liquors Retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty two to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty three] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and Directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to Raise Levy and Collect the sum of Eighty seven Pounds Thirteen shillings in the City and County of New York for services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the said Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent transient Persons from selling Goods at Vendue in Richmond County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the said Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires and for Regulating of Buildings in the City of New York] was read the third time

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to impower and enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding Eighteen hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City for fixing of Lamps and providing a sufficient number of Watchmen] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to impower and enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding seven hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled, [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Kings County to raise the sum of four hundred and thirty one pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the persons therein named to recover and collect the arrears of the Excise on Tea due on the Acts therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said last mentioned Bill without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to empower the Trustees of fraudulent and absconding Debtors, appointed or to be appointed pursuant to An Act entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors] to exercise the Powers they are or may be invested with] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker assumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report thesame with an A mendment, which amendment he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table when the amendment was again read and being agreed to the Report was on the Question being put agreed to and approved of.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered that Mr Watts do carry the said Bill with the amendment to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the Bill with the said amendment to which they desire their Concurrence.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the 21st *day of December*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue an Act Entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the regulating the Militia] was read the Third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the First day of January One Thousand seven hundred and Sixty two to the First day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty three] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered that Mr Chambers do accquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to Collect Levy and raise the sum of Eighty Seven Pounds thirteen Shillings in the City and County of New York for services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County] was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Transient Persons from selling Goods at Vendue in Richmond County] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do accquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to divide the Highland Precinct in Ulster County into two Precincts] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for regulating clearing and further laying out publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prohibit the acting of Plays or the Entertainment of the Stage in this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Ten Brook with the Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to empower the Trustees of fraudulent and absconding Debtors appointed or to be appointed pursuant to An Act Entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors] to exercise the Powers they are or may be invested with] and the amendment made thereto by the Council, acquainting this House, that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendment, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended by adding to the Title of the Bill these words vizt [and for more effectually extending the said Act to Creditors not residing within this Colony.]

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the 22d *day of December*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Watts moved that an humble Address might be prepared by this House to be laid before the King to congratulate his Majesty on his auspicious Nuptials, to express their Gratitude for this recent Proof of his Majesty's Regard to the publick Welfare, in providing by this interesting Event for its future Stability and Security, and to implore the Divine Goodness to perpetuate to his Majesty and his Royal Consort, every publick and domestick Felicity.

Which Motion being seconded was unanimously agreed to.

Resolved, that an humble Address be prepared to be laid before his Majesty accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Watts, Mr Walton and Mr De Lancey be a Committee of this House to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they meet in the City Hall at 12 o clock this day.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have appointed Mr Watts, Mr Walton and Mr De Lancey a Committee of this House to prepare the Draft of an humble Address, to congratulate his Majesty on his auspicious Nuptials, to express their Gratitude for this recent proof of his Majestys regard to the publick welfare in providing by this interesting event for its future stability and security, and to implore the Divine Goodness to perpetuate to his Majesty and his Royal Consort every publick and domestick Felicity — That the said Committee is to meet in the City Hall at 12 o clock this day; and that the Council desire the General Assembly would appoint a Committee of their House to join the said Committee of the Council, at the time and place above mentioned, to prepare the Draft of the said Address.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to divide the Highland Precinct in Ulster County into two Precincts] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for regulating clearing and further laying out publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Schenck and Mr Cornell acquainting the Council that that House hath appointed Major Lispenard, Captain Livingston, Capt Douw, Mr P. R. Livingston, Mr Miller, and Mr Bayard to be a Committee to join the Committee of the Council in preparing the Address to his Majesty proposed in the Councils message to the House of this day.

Mr Watts Reported that the Joint Committee of the Council and General Assembly appointed to prepare the draft of an Address to his Majesty had met and prepared a Draft thereof which he read and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the said Draft was again Read: and was on the Question being put agreed to and approved of.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Seaman acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have approved of the Draft of an Address to his Majesty prepared by the Joint Committees, and desire the Address may be engrossed accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council hath approved of the Draft of the Address to his Majesty prepared by the Joint Committees, and have appointed Mr Watts and Mr De Lancey to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor with the draft of the said Address tomorrow Morning at 11 o Clock, to desire he will be pleased to join therein; and further that the Council desires the General Assembly to appoint some of the Members of that House, to wait on his Honour at the same time for the like Purpose.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wisner and Mr Ten Brook acquainting the Council that the House hath appointed Major Lispenard, Capt Livingston, Mr Miller and Mr Bayard to wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, with the Gentlemen appointed by the Council to lay before his Honour the Draft of the Address to his Majesty and to desire he will be pleased to join therein.

The Council adjourned till Thursday Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 24th day of December, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

Mr Watts reported that having with Mr De Lancey and the Gentlemen appointed by the General Assembly, waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor with the Draft of the humble Address to his Majesty, prepared by the Joint Committees of the two Houses, and desired his Honour would be pleased to join therein, His Honour declared he approved of the draft and would readily join in the Address.

Ordered, that the Draft be altered by adding thereto the stile of the Lieut Governor which being alter'd accordingly.

Ordered, that two copies of the said Address be Engrossed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Capt Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Sir William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esqr of the City of London, to receive the Sum that shall be allowed to this Colony, by his Majesty, out of the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies for defraying the Expence of the Campaign of the year one thousand seven hundred and Sixty] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Groot with the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing Christopher Tobias, Andries Zeigard, Jacob Lowen, Jury Lowen] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majestys Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto] and after some time spent therein,

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till 4 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Thursday, the 24th *day of December*, 1761. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Sir William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esqr of the City of London, to receive the Sum that shall be allowed to this Colony by his Majesty, out of the Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies, for defraying the Expences of the Campaign of the year one thousand seven hundred and Sixty] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing Christopher Tobias, Andries Zeigard and others] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday morning next at 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 29th *day of December*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house on the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Sir William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esqr of the City of London, to receive the Sum that shall be allowed to this Colony by his Majesty, out of the sum of two hundred thousand pounds granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies, for Defraying the Expence of the Campaign of the year One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty] and after some time spent therein,

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole house in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing Christopher Tobias, Andries Zegard &c] and after some time spent therein

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Engrossed Copies of the humble Address to his Majesty were read.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do carry the Engrossed Copies of the said Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and desire he will be pleased to sign the same.

Mr De Lancey delivered in at the Table the engrossed Copies of the said Address signed by his Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address in behalf of this House, and

The Speaker having signed the same accordingly

Ordered, that Mr Smith do carry to the General Assembly the Engrossed Copies of the Address to his Majesty, and when that House have signed the same, that he do then wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, with such Members as they shall appoint for that purpose, and deliver the said Address to his Honour and desire he will be pleased to transmit the same to his Majesty's Ministers, in order to be laid before his Majesty.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty two] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

Mr Walton presented to the House a Bill Entituled [An Act for the more speedy determining of Law Suits and the better regulating the Practise of the Law] and moved that the same might be read.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the 30th day of December, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty two] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more speedy determining of Law Suits and the better regulating the Practice of Law] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the 31st *day of December*, 1761.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Smith reported that having with the Gentlemen appointed by the General Assembly presented to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor the Humble Address of the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and the General Assembly to his Majesty and desired his Honour would be pleased to transmitt the same to his Majesty's Ministers in order to be laid before his Majesty, His Honour had assured them he would transmit the same by the first oppertunity.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the salaries and services of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty two] was read the third time and

The Council having some doubt as to the propriety of some parts of the Bill, and having consulted his Honour the Lieutenant Governor thereupon, and he having been pleased to recommend the passing the Bill in its present Form

The Question was put

Whether the Bill should pass, and thereupon

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber, sent a message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly and

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly, was pleased to give his assent to Sixteen Bills the Titles whereof are as follow viz.

An Act further to Continue An Act Entituled An Act for Granting to His Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and services of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty two.

An Act further to Continue An Act entitled an Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York together with the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the Regulating the Militia.

An Act further to Continue the Currency of the Bills of Creditt emitted by virtue of an Act Entituled An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts, & for the Better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned, passed in the Eleventh year of his late Majesty's Reign.

An Act to Regulate the Collecting the duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty two to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty three.

An Act more Effectually to Empower the Trustees of Fraudulent and absconding Debtors appointed or to be appointed pursuant to An Act Entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors] to Exercise the Powers they are or may be Invested with and for more Effectually extending the said Act to Creditors not residing within this Colony.

An Act to Empower Sir William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esqr of the City of London to receive the sum that shall be allotted to this Colony by his Majesty out of the sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies for Defraying the Expence of the Campaign of the year One thousand seven hundred and Sixty.

An Act to Empower the Persons therein named to recover and Collect the Arrears of the Excise on Tea due on the Acts therein mentioned.

An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Fires and for Regulating of Buildings in the City of New York.

An Act to Empower and Enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the Major part of them to order the Raising a Sum not Exceeding Eighteen hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City for fixing of Lamps and providing a Sufficient Number of Watchmen.

An Act to empower and Enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not Exceeding seven hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates Real and Personal in the said City.

An Act to Amend An Act Entituled An Act for Regulating Clearing and further Laying out publick highways Throughout the City and County of Albany.

An Act to enable the Supervisors of Kings County to raise the sum of Four hundred and thirty one pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned.

An Act to prevent Transient Persons from selling Goods at Vendue in Richmond County.

An Act to raise Levy and Collect the sum of Eighty seven pounds Thirteen shillings in the City and County of New York for services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County. And

An Act for Naturalizing Christopher Tobias, Andries Zeegaird, Jacob Lowen, Jury Lowen, George Snyder, Johannes Graeft, Johannes Klyne, George Cramer, Christian Franklin, Jacob Fretz, Ernst Fretz, David Ehny, Joachim George Ehny, Henrick Kerger, Jacob Whiteman, Casparus Kock, Rudolph Kock, Albertus Kock, Andries Wiemer and George Wachtel.

After which the said sixteen Acts were published in the usual manner and the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, His Honor was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House until Monday next: And

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor returned to the Fort.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, the fourth day of January, One thousand seven hundred and Sixty two.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till To Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the fifth day of January, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the sixth day of January, 1762.

The Council mett according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Friday next at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Friday, the eighth day of January, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate Attendance of the General Assembly.
And the General Assembly attending accordingly
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, vizt

An Act for the more effectual collecting of His Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto.

After which the said Act was published in the usual Manner. and the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly chamber and adjourn the House until Tuesday the sixteenth day of February next.
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then returned to the Fort.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House until Tuesday the sixteenth day of February next. Therefore
The Council adjourned to Tuesday the said sixteenth day of February next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XC., 76.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *sixteenth* day of *February* Instant I have thought fit for his Majestys service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday*

the *second* day of *March* next, then to meet to proceed on Business: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *tenth* day of *February* 1762 in the *second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-NINTH ASSEMBLY FOURTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the second day of* March *in the second year of the* Reign *of our* Soveraign Lord George *the* Third *by the Grace of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* Year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty two.

The General Assembly having on the Eighth day of January last, by the Directions of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor been adjourned to Tuesday the sixteenth day of February following, and a Proclamation having been issued by his Honour on the tenth day of the said Month of February proroguing the General Assembly to this Day, then to meet to proceed on Business.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
BENJAMIN PRATT, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the third day of March, 1762.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
BENJAMIN PRATT, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Hono^ble Cadwallader Colden Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York, being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor attended as usual then returned to Fort George.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governors Speech be read.

Then the Speech was read, and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes, and is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

Our gracious Sovereign having seen his good Dispositions to restore the publick Tranquility, entirely frustrated by the Insincerity and Chicane of the Court of Versailles in the late Negotiation, and being determined to secure and improve the important Advantages, acquired on this Continent in the Course of the present successfull War, and to reduce the Enemy to the Necessity of accepting a Peace, on Terms glorious to his Crown and beneficial in particular to his Subjects in America: And considering that nothing can so effectually contribute to these essential Objects, as his being enabled immediately to employ a Part of his regular Forces, adequate to some important Enterprize against the Enemy: His Majesty therefore, in order the better to provide for the Security of his Dominions, and particularly his Conquests in North America, during the Absence of his regular Troops so employed, has been pleased to command me earnestly to press you, to raise within this Government as soon as possible, at least the same Number of Men as the last Year, to be formed into Regiments, and employed in North America, under the supreme Command of his Majesty's Commander in Chief, in such Manner as he shall judge most conducive to the King's Service. All his Majesty requires on this Head from the several Provinces, which are likewise now called upon for their respective Quotas, is the levying, cloathing, and pay of the Men. His Majesty being graciously pleased not only to provide the Officers the Rank, but the Troops with Provisions and Equipage as on the former Campaigns. And that no Encouragement may be wanting to this great and salutary Service, the King is pleased to permit his Secretary of State to acquaint me, that strong Recommendations will be made to Parliament, to grant a proper Compensation, according as the active Vigour and strenuous Efforts of the respective Provinces shall justly appear to merit.

His Majesty having also taken into his most serious Consideration how highly essential it is to the Interests and Security of his Subjects in North America, that the regular Regiments serving there, be recruited with all convenient Expedition to their full Compliment of Effectives; and at the same Time seeing the Impracticability of compleating them from Great Britain; considering how that Country is drained by the great Number of Men furnished for the various Services in all Parts of the World, I am, in Obedience to his Majesty's Commands, likewise to recommend that you will provide for the raising of Four Hundred and Seventy Nine Men, by granting the same levy Money to these as to the others, which Number is the Quota of this Province, agreeable to the Proportions to be furnished from the other Colonies, towards compleating the regular Regiments which have been sent to America, for the Defence and Protection of the Possessions of his Majesty's Subjects there: And as a farther Encouragement to induce the Men to enter into the regular Service, his Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces, will allow an additional Bounty of five pounds New York Currency, to each Man, not under Eighteen nor above forty Years of Age, who shall inlist to serve during the War, or until the Regiments return to Europe: and to the provincial Officers, Forty Shillings, like Money, for every Man they shall inlist on the above Conditions, that shall be approved of by an Officer whom the General shall appoint: And to render this Service effectual, it is expected that the Colonies do also provide for replacing such Men of their respective Quotas, as shall desert, which it is conceived may be a Means to prevent their leaving their Corps.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

Having laid before you the several Services which call for your Aid at this Time, I must ask of you Supplies adequate to their Importance and Exigency. Earnestly recommending that no Argument may have Weight in your Deliberations, that can have the least Tendency to check a fresh Exertion of your Abilities, as no expence can justly be thought burthensome, that is necessary to secure to yourselves, the great Advantages you already enjoy, and which there is now the fairest Prospect will be conformed and transmitted to your Posterity in a more eminent Degree, by a solid and lasting Tranquility.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

Tho' the present Situation of Affairs would have fully justifyed the Requisition of as large a Number of Men as the Colonies have ever raised for any of the former Campaigns, yet his

Majesty, desirous to ease the Burthens of his faithfull Subjects, as far as shall be consistent with their own Safety, has been pleased to require only the same number of Men as for the last Year, in order thereby to facilitate the completing the regular Regiments by Recruits to be furnished from the Provinces of North America, a Measure so essential, and which the King has so much at heart, that any Failure or Disappointment therein, would be extremely disagreeable to his Majesty, as it must be highly prejudicial to his Service.

These Colonies, so nearly concerned in the present War, his Majesty is perswaded from a due Sense of his tender and paternal Care for their Wellfare, will in Return shew a ready and Chearful Complyance with his Demands, in their fullest Extent; And were any thing further necessary to animate your Zeal in this important Conjuncture, which is finally to fix the future Safety and Welfare of America, and of this Province in particular, I would urge what I doubt not you will persevere in, that steady and spirited Conduct of the People of this Colony at all Times, when called on in the Prosecution of this War: A Conduct which highly approves them to their Sovereign, and while it reflects Honour on themselves, must endear them to their Mother Country: Confident that actuated by the same Principles, and influenced by Considerations so powerful and interesting, your Loyalty and Zeal will be equally ardent and conspicuous, when your Resolutions must be so essential to that desireable Object, of reducing the Enemy to the Necessity of accepting a Peace, on Terms of Glory and Advantage to his Majesty's Crown, and beneficial to his People.

Fort George New York
3d March 1762.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governors Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Smith then moved that an humble Address might be presented by this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by this House accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Smith, Mr Watts and Mr Prat be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the draft of the said Address, and that they lay the same before this House on Friday next.

The Council adjourned till Friday Morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the fifth day of March, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
BENJAMIN PRAT, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed to prepare the draft of an humble Address to be presented by this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, Reported that the Committee had prepared the draft of an Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being agreed to was

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address in behalf of this House, who having signed the same accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers and Mr Smith do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned Reported that they had waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and delivered the said Message, and that he was pleased to say, he would receive the Address of this House to morrow morning at 11 o Clock in the Council chamber in Fort George.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the sixth day of March, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council went to Fort George to present the humble Address of this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and being Returned
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Reported that the House having attended his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and presented to him the humble Address of this House, His Honour had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, where the same was read.
Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes of this House, which are as follow, viz

To the Honob^le CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of His Majesty's Province of New York.

May it please your Honour,
The Council beg leave to return you their Hearty thanks for your Speech at the opening of the Session.
Affected with the most lively sense of his Majesty's Paternal care and goodness, we behold with the highest satisfaction, that Fortitude of Mind, discernable in the vigorous measures, which his Majesty, frustrated in his good dispositions to restore the public Tranquility, finds necessary to vindicate the Honour of his Crown and the Rights of his Subjects.
The Example of our Mother Country in that animated exertion of her strength and abilities, remarkably conspicuous in the Course of the present War, we are perswaded will continue to influence the Conduct of all his Majestys Subjects in America, and inspire them with a Spirit and Firmness in their Resolutions, inseparable from a distinguish'd Loyalty to their Sovereign, and a proper sense of the true Interest of his Majesty's Kingdoms and Colonies.
Steadfast in these sentiments, and unalterable in our attachment to his Majesty's Person and Government, your Honour may be assured, that our Conduct will correspond with your own Zeal for the King's Service in this truly important Conjuncture, when a ready and chearful compliance with his Majesty's Requisition of this his faithful Colony, in its fullest extent, is evidently necessary to reduce the Enemy to accept a Peace on Terms of Glory and Advantage to his Majesty's Crown, and beneficial to his People.

By order of the Council
DAN HORSMANDEN, Speaker.

City of New York
5th March 1762.

To which his Honour was pleased to return the following Answer

Gentlemen,
This Address demands my particular thanks The most ardent Zeal for the King's Service, hath at all Times actuated his Majesty's Council, but when perfect unanimity, and vigorous Resolutions in all the Colonies are so essentially necessary as at present: Sentiments Loyal and Dutiful as those, must be highly acceptable to his Majesty.

Fort George, New York
6th March 1762.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

Ordered that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.
The Council adjourned till Tuesday the sixteenth Instant, at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the sixteenth day of March, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
BENJAMIN PRATT, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Henry Livingston and Captain Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act for dividing Crom Elbow precinct in Dutches County in two Precincts, to be called Charlotte and Amenia] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Groot with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise the Sum of two hundred Pounds to finish and compleat the Court House and Goal in the City of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect a sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds in the County of Westchester towards finishing the Court House and Goal in the said County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said three Bills be read.

Then the said Bills were severally read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the 17th *day of March,* 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
BENJAMIN PRAT, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for dividing Crom Elbow Precinct in Dutches County in two Precincts to be called Charlotte and Amenia] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise the Sum of two hundred Pounds to finish and compleat the Court House and Goal in the City of Albany] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect a Sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds in the County of Westchester towards finishing the Court House and Goal in the said County] was read the second Time &

Ordered to be committed.

Mr Walter moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand Entituled [An Act for the more speedy Determining of Law Suits, and the better regulating the Practice of the Law] might be read.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time &

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the eighteenth day of March, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Colonel Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act for levying paying and cloathing One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven effective Men, officers included, to be employed in North America, for securing his Majestys Conquests there, and for other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Major Lispenard with the Bill Entituled [An Act directing the Treasurer of this Colony to pay the Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in North America, the Sum of Four thousand seven hundred and ninety Pounds for his Majesty's Service, to be repaid when his Majesty shall think proper] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for dividing Crom Elbow Precinct in Dutches County in two Precincts, to be called Charlotte & Amenia] and after some time spent therein

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to raise the sum of Two hundred pounds to finish and Compleat the Court House and Goal in the City of Albany] and after some time spent therein,

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and Directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to raise levy and Collect a sum not exceeding Five hundred pounds in the County of Westchester, towards finishing the Court House and Goal in the said County] and after some time spent therein,

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and Directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more speedy determining of Law Suits, and the better regulating the practice of the Laws] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the nineteenth day of March, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
BENJAMIN PRAT, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wisner and Colonel Haasbrouck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to explain part of An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for Partition of Lands in order thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time, and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Groot and Mr Bruyn with the Bill Entituled [An Act for confirming the Estates and Possessions and for setling the Disputes now subsisting in the Township of Schenectady] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for levying paying and cloathing One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven effective Men Officers included, to be employed in North America for securing his Majesty's Conquests there and for other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some Time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third Time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act directing the Treasurer of this Colony to pay the Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North America, the sum of Four thousand seven hundred and Ninety Pounds for his Majesty's Service to be repaid when his Majesty shall think proper] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house on the said Bill, and after some Time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the Third Time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills last mentioned without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the nineteenth day of March, 1762. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
BENJAMIN PRATT, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to explain part of An Act Entituled An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Captain Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act for paying several Persons for billetting the Forces raised by this Colony for the Campaign of the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Groot with the Bill Entituled [An Act for Naturalizing Seventy Eight Persons therein named] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Saturday, the Twentieth day of March, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
BENJAMIN PRATT, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to Explain part of An Act Entitled An Act for the more effectual Collecting of his Majesty's Quit rents in the Colony of New York and for Partition of Lands in order thereto] and after some time spent therein,

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole house in his place Reported that the Committee had Gone through the said Bill and Directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for paying several Persons for billetting the Forces raised by this Colony fort he Campaign of the year One thousand seven hundred and sixty] be read the second time.

Then the said Bill was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some Time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third Time.

Then the said Bill was read the third Time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing seventy eight Persons therein named] be read the second Time.

Then the said Bill was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some Time spent therein

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third Time.

Then the said Bill was read the third Time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly.

And the General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly was pleased to give his assent to eight Bills the Titles whereof are as follow viz

An Act for levying paying and Cloathing one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven Effective Men, Officers Included, to be employed in North America, for securing his Majesty's Conquests there, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act directing the Treasurer of this Colony to pay the Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in North America, the sum of Four thousand seven hundred and ninety pounds, for his Majesty's Service, to be repaid when his Majesty shall think proper.

An Act to explain part of an Act entitled An Act for the more effectual Collecting of his Majesty's Quit rents in the Colony of New York, and for partition of Lands in order thereto.

An Act for dividing Crom Elbow Precinct in Dutches County in two Precincts to be called Charlotte and Amenia.

An Act to raise the sum of two hundred pounds to finish and compleat the Court House and Goal in the City of Albany.

An Act to raise levy and Collect a sum not Exceeding five hundred pounds in the County of West Chester, towards finishing the Court house and Goal in the said County.

An Act for paying several persons for billetting the Forces raised by this Colony, for the Campaign of the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty. And

An Act for naturalizing seventy Eight Persons therein named.

After which the said Acts were Published in the usual manner, And the Lieutenant Governor, the Council, and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly, to return to the Assembly Chamber, and adjourn the House until Tuesday the thirteenth day of April next.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then returned to the Fort.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House until Tuesday the Thirteenth day of April Next, Therefore

The Council adjourned to Tuesday the said thirteenth day of April next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS. XC., 109.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council adjourn the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fourth* day of *May* next Of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirteenth* day of *April* 1762 in the *second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command,
Gw Banyar *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XC., 118.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *fourth* day of *May* next: I have thought fit with the advice of his Majesty's Council to ordain and appoint, and I do hereby ordain and appoint that the said General Assembly do meet on the said *fourth* day of *May* in order to proceed upon Business Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *nineteenth* day of *April* 1762 in the *second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honor's Command

God save the KING.

Tuesday, the 4th Day of May, 1762. P. M.

The General Assembly having on the twenty sixth Day of March last, adjourned to Tuesday the thirteenth Day of April following: And his Honour the Lieutenant Governor having on that Day by Proclamation further adjourned the General Assembly to this Day, then to meet to proceed on Business.

The Council met accordingly.

Present — *The Hono^ble* John Chambers, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
Benjamin Prat, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

Ordered, that the said Message be read.
Then the said Message was read, and
Ordered to be entered in the Minutes, and is in the words following

Gentlemen,

The Declaration of War with Spain, so immediately succeeding his Majesty's late Requisition of these Colonies, shews in a pointed Light, with what Propriety the King might have expected an exertion on their Part, equal to their Efforts in any præceeding Year; tho' he graciously condescended, in ease to his faithful Subjects, to moderate the Demand of Provincial Levies, to two thirds of the Number formerly raised.

That his Majesty's Designs against the Enemy may not be retarded or disappointed, I am commanded to compleat the Forces provided for, as early as possible. Every Thing in my Power conducive to that End, I have done; and it is with real Concern I find my Endeavours less effectual than those of the neighbouring Governments, who have I am informed, completed their Numbers, while the Quota of this Province, generally first in the Field, appears by the Returns to be greatly deficient. So unusual a Backwardness is I apprehend solely to be imputed to the Reduction of the Bounty from Fifteen to the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Your Meeting therefore, became indispensibly necessary, to remove the Difficulties this essential Service labours under. There are many dispersed throughout the Province, who after receiving the publick Bounty, deserted in the former Campaigns; It is but just in the present Emergency, to oblige these to inlist; and I conceive, it would be of great Utility to impress all others, who having no visible Imployment or Means of Subsistence, are a Burthen and even dangerous to the Community.

I recommend this only as an Expedient that may make the Duty fall less heavy on more useful Members. And when you reflect that the further Operations of his Majesty's Arms, are absolutely necessary to secure the Advantages of a War hitherto extensively successful, I can have no doubt of your exerting the utmost Efforts to effectuate a Measure, with which the Honour of his Majesty, and the Reputation and Safety of the Colony are so nearly connected.

Fort George New York CADWALLADER COLDEN.
4th May 1762.

The Council adjourned till Thursday Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the Sixth Day of May, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqr, Speaker,
WILLIAM SMITH,
BENJAMIN PRATT, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Miller with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising the Sum of Three thousand Pounds by way of Lottery towards repairing the City Hall in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read ye first Time and
Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Cornel with the Bill Entituled [An Act to make Trespasses committed on Sandy Hook in the Colony of New Jersey actionable in this Colony, and for other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first Time and
Ordered a second Reading.
The Council adjourned till three o Clock in the Afternoon.

Thursday, the Sixth Day of May, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
BENJAMIN PRATT, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to make Trespasses committed on Sandy Hook in the Colony of New Jersey actionable in this Colony and for other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for raising the Sum of Three thousand Pounds by way of Lottery towards repairing the City Hall in the City of New York] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said last mentioned Bill, and after some Time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third Time.

Then the said Bill was read the third Time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly

And the General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill vizt

An Act for raising the Sum of three thousand Pounds by way of Lottery towards repairing the City Hall in the City of New York.

After which the said Act was published in the usual Manner, And the Lieutenant Governor, the Council, and the General Assembly, being returned to the Council Chamber, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber, and adjourn the House until Tuesday the Eighteenth Day of May Instant, then to meet again to proceed on Business.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then returned to the Fort.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House until Tuesday the Eighteenth Instant.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday the eighteenth day of May Instant at 11 o'Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the eighteenth Day of May, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN CHAMBERS, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

Ordered, that the said Message be read.
Then the said Message was read and
Ordered to be entered in the Minutes, and is in the words following

Gentlemen,

From a general Return of the Inlistments now lay'd before you, it appears there are still wanting four hundred and thirty six Men, to complete the Quota provided for, exclusive of what may be short at Oswego; If to these, we add the Difference between the Numbers inlisted, and those who pass Muster, which will probably be greater than usual, the Deficiency is too considerable, and the publick Service too pressing, not to require the most speedy Provision.

It is evident the present War with France, took its Rise from a determined Resolution to restrain her unjust Encroachments on these Colonies. The principal Operations have ever since been conducted with an immediate View to their Safety; and the same gracious Purpose is manifested in the spirited Measures his Majesty is pursuing at this Time. While we must be gratefully sensible that the chief Burthen of the Expence hath fallen upon, and is still chearfully supported by Great-Britain, although now highly augmented by a new Rupture, in which we are involved through the Arrogance and Jealousy of the Spaniards; who, impatient of the many important Acquisitions of his Majesty's Arms in America, propose by the Addition of their Weight to turn the Scale, and prevent the salutary Effects we had Reason to expect from a Series of Victories and Conquests: With what Justice then does the King require an Aid so reasonable and necessary from his faithful Colonies, and how great will be his Disappointment, if when the Mother Country is exerting her utmost Strength, they should not in Imitation of their great Example, do every Thing in their Power, towards the Success of Measures, essential to their own future Happiness and Security: I therefore earnestly recommend, that you will now effectually enable me, without Loss of Time to complete the Levies; lest after the most signal Proofs of Loyalty, you should expose yourselves to Reproach, by slackening your Zeal for the common Good at this important Conjuncture.

Fort George New York CADWALLADER COLDEN.
18th May 1762.

The Council adjourned til Thursday next at 3 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Thursday, the twentieth day of May, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Bayard with the Bill Entituled [An Act for apprehending Deserters from his Majesty's Service in the Pay of this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first Time and
Ordered a second Reading.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to make Trespasses committed on Sandy Hook in the Colony of New Jersey actionable in this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third Reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty first day of May, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to make Trespasses committed on Sandy Hook in the Colony of New Jersey actionable in this Colony and for other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for apprehending deserters from his Majesty's Service in the Pay of this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some Time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third Time.

Then the said Bill was read the third Time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned til tomorrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the twenty second day of May, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly.

And the General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly, was pleased to give his assent to the two following Bills vizt

An Act for apprehending Deserters from his Majesty's Service in the Pay of this Colony.

An Act to make Trespasses committed on Sandy Hook in the Colony of New Jersey actionable in this Colony and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

After which the said two Acts were published, and the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber,

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House to Tuesday the fifteenth day of June next.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then returned to the Fort.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House until Tuesday the fifteenth day of June next

The Council adjourned to the said fifteenth day of June next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 6.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in (L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Adjourned to *Tuesday* the *fifteenth* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for his Majestys service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *thirteenth* day of *July* next: of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *eleventh* day of *June* 1762 in the *second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 31.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over (L. S.) the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *thirteenth* day of *July* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty seventh* day of *July* Instant of which All his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein, are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *seventh* day of *July* 1762 in the *second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By his Excellency's Command,
Gw Banyar *D. Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 37.]

By His Excellency

The Honourable ROBEBT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over (L. S.) the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *twenty seventh* day of *July* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *Tenth* day of *August* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty first* day of *July* 1762 in the *second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROBT MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 47.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over (L. S.) the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majestys Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *Tenth* day of *August* Instant I have thought fit for His Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty fourth* day of *August* Instant Of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *tenth* day of *August* 1762 in the *second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROBT MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 53.]

By His Excellency

The Honourable ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over (L. S.) the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *Twenty fourth* day of *August* Instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue; and I do by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *seventh* day of *September* next; Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *eighteenth* day of *August* 1762 in the *second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 60.]

By His Excellency

The Hono^ble ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the (L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *seventh* day of *September* Instant; I have thought fit for His Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twvnty first* day of *September;* of which all His Majesty's subjects concerned therein, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *September* 1762 in the *second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 64.]

By His Excellency

The Hono^ble ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.
(L. S.)

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *twenty first* day of *September* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fifth* day of *October* next Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fifteenth* day of *September* 1762 in the *second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 71.]

By His Excellency

The Hono^ble ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.
(L. S.)

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *fifth* day of *October* next I have thought fit for His Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *nineteenth* day of *October* next, Of which all His Majestys Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *September* 1762 in the *second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 86.]

By His Excellency

The Hono^ble ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *nineteenth* day of *October* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *Ninth* day of *November* next; then to meet to proceed on Business Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirteenth* day of *October* 1762 in the *second* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 92.]

By His Excellency

The Hono^ble ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to this day I have thought fit for his Majestys service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *Sixteenth* day of *November* Instant; then to meet to proceed on Business; of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *ninth* day of *November* 1762 in the *third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-NINTH ASSEMBLY FIFTH SESSION

At a Session *of the* Governor Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the* sixteenth *day of* November *in the* third year *of the* Reign *of our* Soveraign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty two.

The General Assembly having on the twenty second Day of May last by the Directions of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor been adjourned to Tuesday the fifteenth day of June following. His Honour was pleased by Proclamation on the eleventh day of the said Month of June to prorogue the General Assembly to Tuesday the thirteenth Day of July. After which Proclamation, they were further prorogued by sundry Proclamations issued by his Excellency the Honourable Robert Monckton Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majestys Forces on and to the Times following. On the seventh day of July, to the twenty seventh day of the same Month. On the twenty first day of July to the tenth day of August. On the last mentioned Day to the twenty fourth day of August. On the eighteenth day of August to the seventh day of September. On the first day of September to the twenty first day of the same Month. On the fifteenth day of September to the fifth day of October. On the twenty ninth day of September to the nineteenth day of October. On the thirteenth day of October to the ninth day of November. And on the Ninth day of November to this Day then to meet to proceed on Business.

The Council met accordingly.

Present — *The Honourable* John Chambers, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
John Watts,
William Walton,
Oliver De Lancey,
Benjamin Pratt, Esquires,
Earl of Stirling.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency the Honourable Robert Monckton Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of New York, being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Excellency the Governor made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another Copy thereof to the speaker of the General Assembly.

His Excellency attended as usual then returned to Fort George.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that His Excellencys Speech be Read.

Then the speech was Read and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

I Have the great Happiness to congratulate you on the auspicious Birth of a Prince. An Event which must inspire every British Subject with the most grateful Sentiments of the Divine Goodness, as it promises Security and Permanency to the inestimable Blessings derived to our Country, from our gracious Sovereign, and his illustrious House.

The military Operations since your Recess, are also a Source of publick Joy and Exultation. Havannah, the Key to the Settlements and Treasures of Spain, fortifyed by all the Advantages of Art, and defended with Vigour and Obstinacy, is gloriously subjected to his Majesty's Dominion, and by the Capture of all the Ships in the Port, the Marine of our Enemy most essentially debilitated.

The commercial Settlement of St. John's in Newfoundland, seized by a feeble Effort of the declining Power of France, is happily regained, by a well-timed and spirited Enterprize, wisely projected, and gallantly executed.

These eminent Successes, which add fresh Lusture to the established Reputation of his Majesty's Arms, are the more interesting, as they must at this crittical Conjuncture be of the utmost Moment, in advancing that great and desirable Object, a glorious and a solid Peace.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

His Excellency Sr Jeffery Amherst, in the Beginning of August, having requested me to recommend to you to provide for the continuing in Pay, a Company of one hundred and seventy three Men, including a Captain and three Subalterns, his Majesty's Council, confident that the same Zeal would influence you to this necessary Measure, which had induced you to support it the last Year, advised me to delay calling you together, until the ordinary Season of your Meeting, and in the mean Time to give Orders for the Inlistments. In Consequence of which, this Corps is now nearly compleated. From the dispersed Situation of his Majesty's regular Troops, employed in many various Services, and the absolute Necessity of garrisoning the extended Posts on this Continent during the Winter, the Propriety of this Requisition must be too apparent, to need any Arguments to enforce it. I therefore do not in the least doubt but you will very readily make the Provision required.

The Support of his Majesty's Government expiring the first of September, it is my Duty to recommend this to your early Attention. The Dignity and Importance of the Office of Chief Justice, and of the Judges, who are intrusted with the Lives and Rights of the Subjects, render it as essential to your own Happiness and Security, as it is to the Honour of the Crown, that a suitable Augmentation be made to their Salaries; that this high Trust may not fall into Contempt, but be rendered worthy the Exercise of Men of approved Merit, Learning and Ability. On this Point, it is proper I inform you, that by his Majesty's additional Instruction to me, I am restrained from assenting to any Act, by which the Tenure of the Commissions to the Judges shall in any Manner be regulated or ascertained.

The Provincial Troops have unavoidably been imploy'd longer than the Time appointed by Law; and many of them who have served abroad, from the Fatigues and Climate to which they have been exposed, will stand in need of Relief. I therefore urge you to make sufficient Provision, that those who have engaged, and suffered in the Defence of their Country, may be supported at her Expence, on their Return, and until they can arrive at their Habitation.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

Among the Laws which require your Consideration, I must point out to you, the Necessity of reviving those for billeting and quartering the King's Troops, and the impressing of Horses and Carriages: Experience having shewn the Impracticability of carrying on the public Service with Effect, without the Aid of these Laws.

The just Sence I entertain of the Honour the King has conferred on me in my appointment to this Government and my sincere and ardent Desire to promote the Welfare and Felicity of the People committed to my Care, will always induce me with Pleasure and Allacrity, to support and encourage every Measure, and every Object, that can tend to his Majesty's Service, and their Wellbeing and Prosperity, in which I cannot fail of having your hearty Concurrence. Actuated by these Principles, I flatter myself, I shall enjoy that inward and solid satisfaction, which must be the Reward of an upright and disinterested Administration.

Fort George, New York ROBERT MONCKTON.
16 November 1762.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Pratt then moved that an Humble Address might be presented by this House to his Excellency in answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an Humble Address be presented by this House accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Smith, Mr Watts, Mr Walton, Mr De Lancey, Mr Chief Justice Pratt and the Earl of Stirling or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed a Comittee to prepare the Draft of the said Address and that they Lay the same before this House on Thursday next.

The Council adjourned till Thursday Morning Eleven o Clock.

Thursday, the 18th *day of November*, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquires,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr De Lancey from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Humble Address to be presented by this House to his Excellency the Governor Reported that the Committee had prepared the Draft of an Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again Read and being agreed to was

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governor was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address in behalf of this House,

Who having signed the same accordingly

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey and the Earl of Stirling do wait on his Excellency the Governor, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned Reported that they had waited on his Excellency the Governor and delivered the said Message, and that he was pleased to say he would receive the Address of this House in half an Hour at the Council Chamber in Fort George.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council went to Fort George to prevent (*sic*) the humble Address of this House to his Excellency the Governor, and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Reported that the House having attended his Excellency, and presented him the humble Address of this House

His Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable answer thereto which he delivered in at the Table, where the same was read.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes of this House which are as follow vizt

To his Excellency the Honourable ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories Depending thereon in America Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of his Majestys Forces.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most Dutifull & Loyal Subjects the Council for the Colony of New York seize with pleasure this opportunity of our first convening in our Legislative Capacity since your happy return from the Glorious Reduction of Martinico and all the Carribee Islands dependent thereon to Address your Excellency on this joyfull occasion.

We felicitate you on these important and Rapid Conquests which add new Lusture to his Majesty's Reign, fill the whole nation with joy and must transmitt your Name, with Glory to future Ages.

While we reflect that these acquisitions are Part of the great Achievements of our Governor, we Exult in your success and become interested in your fame.

We assure ourselves that the Spirit Conduct and Disinterested Concern for the Publick Good which you have so frequently display'd in your military command, will equally distinguish your Excellency in your civil Administration.

With these elevated expectations we congratulate you on your safe arrival and with the highest satisfaction now meet your Excellency in General Assembly.

Permitt us also at the same time to pay our gratefull acknowledgments for your Excellencys Speech, and to join our sincere congratulations on the Auspicious Birth of the Prince, a happy event that tends to the perpetuation of that Illustrious and Royal House, on whom the Libertys and Felicity of Great Britain and her Colonies depend.

We rejoice with your Excellency on account of the late complete success of his Majestys Arms at the Havannah and in the well timed expedition to St John's so wisely projected and gallantly executed, and hope the unparallelled series of conquests and victories acquired by the

Brave British Troops in every part of the Globe will produce a permanent Peace as honourable and advantageous to the Crown as the war has been successfull.

We begg leave to assure your Excellency we think the Colony happy in a Governor so ardently desirous to promote the welfare of the People and that we animated with the same Zeal will exert our abilities to the utmost to assist your Excellency in all your efforts for the Inseperable Interests of our King and Country and will now give our due attention to the matters that in your Speech you are pleas'd to recommend.

We doubt not your Excellency will always have the inward and solid satisfaction of an upright and disinterested Administration and we promise ourselves your Excellency will also have the Approbation of our Gracious Sovereign and the lasting applause of a Gratefull and oblig'd People.

By order of the Council

New York DANIEL HORSMANDEN Speaker.
18 Nov 1762.

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer

Gentlemen,

Your affectionate Address claims my most sincere and hearty thanks.

Aided by your wise and salutary Counsels I shall with pleasure exert my unwearied Endeavours, most faithfully to discharge the high and important Trust Reposed in me by his Majesty. And it will much add to my happiness if by my Zeal for his service, I continue to preserve the favourable opinion you are pleased to express of me.

Fort George New York ROBERT MONCKTON.
18th November 1762.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Monday (*sic*) 11 o clock.

Friday, the nineteenth day of November, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the twenty second day of November, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday morn 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the twenty fourth day of November, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
BENJAMIN PRATT, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Hasbrouck and Captain Douw with a Bill Entituled [An Act to divide the Highland Precinct in Ulster County into two Precincts] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Alderman Livingston and Mr Bayard with the Bill Entituled [An Act to encrease the number of Firemen within the City of New York] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Major Lispenard with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said 3 Bills be read

Then the said Bills were severally read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till tomorrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty fifth day of November, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the Council a Message from his Excellency the Governor which being read was

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen,

The Inhabitants near the Limits established between the Counties of Albany and Ulster being at a Loss respecting the Course of the Line from Hudson's River Westward have earnestly desired it may be run by the Authority of the Government. This is a matter which deserves your consideration, as it must be attended with expence, is essential to the quiet of the people, and may affect their Rights: I therefore recommend to you to make provision for a Service of Such apparent utility. At the same time I think it necessary that the Law for dividing the Province into Counties should be revised and amended, that by fixing the several Lines with precision and exactness, the inconvenience of a doubtful jurisdiction may be avoided.

Fort George New York ROB^T MONCKTON.
24th November 1762.

The Bill entituled [An Act to divide the Highland Precinct in Ulster County into two Precincts] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to encrease the number of Firemen within the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Mr Banyar brought to the Council a Message from his Excellency the Governor which being read was

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen,

No Provision being made for defraying any Expense however necessary in the carrying on Prosecutions at the suit of the Crown, the publick Justice is in danger of suffering, and in some Instances may be defeated. At the same time I cannot avoid observing that his Majesty's Attorney General, the only officer who prosecutes for the Crown, after the most able and faithful discharge of his Trust, has no recompence adequate to services so essential to the Community, the Law not giving any Costs in Criminal Causes. I therefore recommend these matters to your consideration not doubting but you will provide for them amply and effectually.

Fort George New York ROBT MONCKTON.
24th of November 1762.

The Council adjourned till to morrow 12 o clock.

Friday, the twenty sixth day of November, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
BENJAMIN PRATT, Esqrs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to divide the Highland Precinct in Ulster County into two Precincts] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third Time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to increase the Number of Firemen within the City of New York] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third Time.

Then the said Bill was read the third Time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Pilots and establishing their

Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other Purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Right Honorable the Earl of Stirling do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Ten Brook with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the Time being or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates real and personal in the said City for lighting of Lamps and providing a sufficient number of watchmen] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

The Council adjourned 'till Tuesday Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the 30th day of November, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honorable* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

John Chambers,
Benjamin Pratt, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned 'till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the first day of December, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honorable* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

John Chambers,
William Smith,
John Watts,
William Walton,
Benjamin Pratt, Esqrs,
Earl of Stirling.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Major Lispenard and Captain Douw with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the several Acts therein mentioned relative to the Militia of the Colony of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Ten Brook with the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Captain Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act for raising and Collecting several arrears of Taxes laid by the several Acts therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the fisrt time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cornel and Colonel Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Haasbrouck and Mr Cornel with the Bill entituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Ulster County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates real and personal in the said City for lighting of Lamps and providing a sufficient number of Watchmen] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Thursday, the 2d day of December, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JNO CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to Continue the several acts therein mentioned relative to the Militia of the Colony of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to Continue an Act Entituled An Act for Granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for Raising and Collecting several Arrears of Taxes laid by the several Acts therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to Continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by Virtue of an Act Entituled An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more Equal Taxation of Estates in Ulster County] was Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned 'till 11 o clock tomorrow Morning.

Friday, the 3d day of December, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
BENJAMIN PRATT, Esqrs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Excellency the Governor which was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen,

The Settlement of the Partition Line. between this and the neighbouring Colony of New Jersey, is of the utmost Concern to the Peace and Quiet of the People. Not only the Borders will experience its Utility, but as the Soil now lyes waste or unoccupyed, and may be improved to important and valuable Purposes, the Consequences will be diffusive, and extensive: Whilst any Delay must apparently revive that Animosity and Violence, which have long subsisted, and if not timely prevented, may be carried to a Length even dangerous to the Community. Without the Interposition of the Legislature there is no Remedy for this growing Evil. My Duty to the Crown, and the Part I take in whatever so materially affects the Rights of his Majestys Subjects, indispensibly oblige me earnestly to recommend this as an Object highly deserving your Consideration, and I cannot doubt the same powerful Arguments, will induce you to make Provision for a Service so essential to the Prosperity of your Country.

Fort George New York ROBERT MONCKTON.
3d December 1762.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Mr Groot with the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Suffolk County — desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Mr Groot with the Bill entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of two hundred pounds in the Borough of Westchester for erecting and building a Town Hall and Goal in the said Borough] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Haring and Mr Peter R. Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty three to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty four inclusive] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, or the Major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates real and personal in the said City for lighting of Lamps and providing a sufficient number of Watchmen] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the several Acts therein mentioned Relative to the Militia of the Colony of New York] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from a Committee of the whole [House,] in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue an Act Entituled An Act for Granting to his Majesty the several Duties and impositions on Goods wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and having spent some time therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the sd Bill do pass.

Then the Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act entitled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the debts and for the Better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] and having spent some time therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the more Equal Taxation of Estates in Ulster County] and having spent some time therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the sd Bill was Read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Saturday, the fourth day of December, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN WATTS, Esqr,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Excellency the Governor which being read was

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows

Gentlemen,

Having at the opening of the Session recommended the revisal of the Laws for billeting and quartering the King's Troops, and the impressing of Horses and Carriages, and the Season being advanced his Majesty's Service obliges me again to press this as a measure which cannot be left unprovided for, without prejudice to the Crown, and great inconvenience to the Subject. I therefore hope you will enable me to give my assent to Laws, which hitherto have been found beneficial, and are now highly necessary.

Fort George New York ROB^T MONCKTON.
3^d December 1762.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and Cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Suffolk County] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect the Sum of two hundred Pounds in the Borough of Westchester for erecting and building a Town Hall and Goal in the said Borough] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty three to the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and sixty four inclusive] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the sixth day of December, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN CHAMBERS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
BENJAMIN PRATT, Esq^rs,
R^t Hono. Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the s^d Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Ulster County] without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Suffolk County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise Levy and Collect the sum of Two hundred pounds in the Borough of Westchester for Erecting and Building a Town Hall and Goal in the said Borough] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of,

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the sd Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and sixty three to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty four Inclusive] and having spent some time therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third Time.

Then the said Bill was read the third Time and

On the Question being Put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till tomorrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Tuesday, the seventh day of December, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Douw and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better extinguishing of Fires that may happen within the City of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising and collecting several Arrears of Taxes laid by the several Acts therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third Time.

Then the said Bill was read the third Time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the last mentioned Bill, and the Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty three to the first of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty four inclusive] without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the eighth day of December, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
John Watts,
William Walton,
Oliver De Lancey, Esqrs,
Earl of Stirling.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Cornell with the Bill Entituled [An Act for repaying the Treasurer of this Colony sundry sums of Money by him advanced for the Service of this Colony and for other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Philipse and Mr Cornel with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent transient Persons from selling Goods at Vendue in the City and County of Albany and Counties of Westchester, Richmond and Dutches] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Alderman Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act providing for one hundred and seventy three Voluntiers Officers included to be employ'd in protecting the different Posts on the Frontiers to the first day of July one thousand seven hundred and sixty three] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wisner and Colonel Haring with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves in the County of Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better extinguishing of Fires that may happen within the City of Albany] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the last mentioned Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday, the ninth Day of December, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better extinguishing of Fires that may happen within the City of Albany] was read the third Time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for repaying the Treasurer of this Colony sundry Sums of Money by him advanced for the Service of this Colony and for other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the last mentioned Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent transient Persons from selling Goods at Vendue in the City and County of Albany and counties of Westchester Richmond and Dutches] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the last mentioned Bill, and having spent some time therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill was

Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act providing for one hundred and seventy three Voluntiers officers included to be employed in protecting the different Posts on the Frontiers to the first Day of July one thousand seven hundred and sixty three] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the last mentioned Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves in the County of Orange] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the last mentioned Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Alderman Livingston and Mr Schenck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising six thousand Pounds by way of Lottery for the purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in the Sale of damaged Goods imported into this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cornell and Mr Miller with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the digging of Pitts for the taking of Deer in Queens and Suffolk Counties] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Major Lispenard and Colonel Haasbrouck with the Bill entituled [An Act for the Punishment of Persons in the City of New York who shall by false pretences obtain any Goods Wares or Merchandizes from any Person with Intent to cheat or defraud such Person] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Livingston and Colonel Haring with the Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint Commissioners for regulating and laying out Highways in Charlotte and Amenia Precincts in Dutches County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Major Lispenard and Alderman Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty three, and other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wisner and Capt Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the further amending An Act entituled An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and the Partition of Lands in order thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the tenth day of December, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for repaying the Treasurer of this Colony sundry sums of Money by him advanced for the Service of this Colony, and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the third Time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better extinguishing of Fires that may happen within the City of Albany] without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent transient persons from selling Goods at Vendue in the City and County of Albany and Counties of Westchester and Dutches] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act providing for one hundred and seventy three Voluntiers Officers included to be employ'd in protecting the different Posts on the Frontiers to the first day of July One thousand seven hundred and Sixty three] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills with out any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves in the County of Orange] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Colonel Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act for billeting and quartering his Majestys Forces within this Colony of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Haring and Alderman Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act for submitting the property of Lands which are held or claimed by Grants under the Great Seal of this Colony and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New Jersey to such a method of decision as his most gracious Majesty shall think proper by his Royal Commission or otherwise to appoint; and for defraying the Expence to accrue on the part of this Colony on the final settlement of the said Line] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for raising Six thousand Pounds by way of Lottery for the purposes therein mentioned] was read the Second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled, [An Act to prevent frauds in the sale of damaged Goods imported into this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the digging of Pitts for taking of Deer in Queens and Suffolk Counties] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the punishment of persons in the City of New York who shall by false Pretences obtain any Goods Wares or Merchandizes from any person with intent to cheat or defraud any person] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint Commissioners for regulating and laying out High Ways in Charlotte & Amenia Precincts in Dutches County] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the salaries and services of the several officers of the Government to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty three] and other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the further amending An Act Entituled An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majestys Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for partition of Lands in order thereto] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till six o'Clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the tenth day of December, 1762. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournm^t.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Punishment of Persons in the City of New York who shall by false Pretences obtain any Goods, wares or Merchandizes from any person with Intent to cheat or defraud such person] and after some time spent therein

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint commissioners for regulating and laying out High Ways in Charlotte and Amenia Precincts in Dutches County] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the salaries and services of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and sixty three, and other Purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Chambers from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for Billeting and Quartering His Majestys Forces within the Colony of New York] And after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the submitting the Property of Lands which are held or Claimed by Grants under the Great seal of this Colony and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New Jersey to such a Method of decision as his most gracious Majesty shall think proper by his Royal Commission or otherwise to appoint and for defraying the Expence to accrue on the part of this Colony on the final settlement of the said Line] And after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the Eleventh day of December, 1762.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN CHAMBERS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to Continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent frauds in the Sale of damaged Goods imported into this Colony] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the Punishment of Persons in the City of New York, who shall by false pretences Obtain any Goods Wares or Merchandizes from any Person with Intent to cheat or defraud such Person] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have Passed the said two Bills without any Amendment, and also the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves in the County of Orange.]

The Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint Commissioners for the regulating and laying out High Ways in Charlotte and Amenia Precincts in Dutches County] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government to the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and sixty three and other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the Third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for Billeting and Quartering His Majesty's Forces within this Colony of New York] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for submitting the Property of the Lands which are held or claimed by Grants under the Great Seal of this Colony, and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New Jersey, to such a Method of Decision, and his most gracious Majesty shall think proper by his Royal Commission or otherwise to appoint; and for defraying the Expence to accrue on the Part of this Colony on the final Settlement of the said Line] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Rt Honorable the Earl of Stirling do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the Digging of Pitts for taking of Deer in Queens and Suffolk Counties] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third Time.

Then the said Bill was read the third Time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act for the further amending An Act Entituled, An Act for the more effectual Collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for partition of Lands in order thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

The Speaker put the question

Whether the Bill should pass?

Which passed in the negative.

The Speaker then put the question

Whether the Bill should be rejected?

Which passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for raising six thousand pounds by way of Lottery for the purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Chambers do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

His Excellency the Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly

And the General Assembly attending according

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to twenty six Bills the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act for the payment of the Several Salaries and Services of the Several Officers of the Government to the first day of September One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty three and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act providing for one hundred and Seventy three Voluntiers Officers included to be employed in protecting the different Posts on the Frontiers to the first day of July one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty three.

An Act further to continue the several Acts therein mentioned relative to the Militia of the Colony of New York.

An Act for billeting and quartering his Majestys Forces within this Colony of New York.

An Act for submitting the property of the Lands which are held or claimed by Grants under the Great Seal of this Colony and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New Jersey to such a method of decision as his most gracious Majesty shall think proper by his Royal Commission or otherwise to appoint and for defraying the Expence to accrue on the part of this Colony on the final Settlement of the said Line.

An Act for Collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and Sixty three to the first day of January One thousand seven hundred & sixty four inclusive.

An Act for raising and Collecting several Arrears of Taxes laid by the several Acts therein mentioned.

An Act further to continue the Currency of Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act entituled, An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Pilots and Establishing their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of Damaged Goods imported into this Colony.

An Act for repaying the Treasurer of this Colony sundry sums of money by him advanced for the service of this Colony and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for raising Six thousand pounds by way of Lottery for the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for the punishment of Persons in the City of New York who shall by false pretences obtain any Goods Wares or Merchandizes from any person with intent to cheat or defraud such person.

An Act to impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds by a Tax on Estates real and personal in the said City for Lighting of Lamps and providing a sufficient number of Watchmen.

An Act to encrease the number of Firemen within the City of New York.

An Act to prevent transient persons from selling Goods at Vendue in the City and County of Albany and Counties of Westchester Richmond and Dutches.

An Act for the better extinguishing of Fires that may happen within the City of Albany.

An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Suffolk County.

An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Ulster County.

An Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves in the County of Orange.

An Act to raise, levy and collect the sum of two hundred pounds in the Borough of Westchester for erecting and building a Town Hall and Goal in the said Borough.

An Act to divide the Highland Precincts in Ulster County into two Precincts.

An Act to appoint Commissioners for regulating and laying out Highways in Charlotte and Amenia Precincts in Dutches County.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned.

An Act to prevent the digging of Pitts for the taking of Deer in Queens and Suffolk Counties.

After which the said twenty six Bills were published, and his Excellency the Governor the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, His Excellency the Governor was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber, and adjourn the House to Tuesday the first day of February next.

His Excellency the Governor then returned to the Fort.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Excellency the Governor having directed the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House untill Tuesday the first day of February next.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday the said first day of February next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 137.]

By his Excellency

The Honourable ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over (L. S.) the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *first* day of *February* next, I have thought fit for His Majesty's Service to adjourn and I do by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council further Adjourn the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *seventeenth* day of *February* next of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty sixth* day of *January* 1763 in the *third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command

Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N.Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 142.]

By His Excellency

The Honourable ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over (L. S.) the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Thursday* the *seventeenth* day of *February* Instant I have thought fit for His Majesty's service to adjourn; and I do by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *Third* day of *March* next; of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixteenth* day of *February* 1763 in the *third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command

Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 143.]

By His Excellency

The Hono^ble ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Thursday* the *third* day of *March* Instant, I have thought fit for His Majesty's Service to adjourn, and I do by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *twenty fourth* day of *March* Instant; of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *second* day of *March* 1763 in the *third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 147.]

By His Excellency

The Hono^ble ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Thursday* the *twenty fourth* day of *March* Instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *seventh* day of *April* next; of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixteenth* day of *March* 1763 in the *third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 153.]

By His Excellency

The Hono^ble ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of the *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Vice Admiral of the same, and Major General of his Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Thursday* the *seventh* day of *April* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn and I do by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *twenty eighth* day of *April* Instant; of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixth* day of *April* 1763 in the *third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 154.]

By His Excellency

The Honble ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Thursday* the *Twenty eighth* day of *April* Instant I have thought fit for his Majestys service to adjourn, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *nineteenth* day of *May* next, of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twentieth* day of *April* 1763 in the *third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCI., 161.]

By His Excellency

The Honble ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Thursday* the *nineteenth* day of *May* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to adjourn, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's service further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *sixteenth* day of *June* next; of which all His Majesty's subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *eighteenth* day of *May* 1763 in the *third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCII., 8.]

By his Excellency

The Hono^ble ROBERT MONCKTON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of his Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Thursday* the *sixteenth* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for His Majesty's Service to adjourn and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *thirtieth* day of *June* Instant Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *eighth* day of *June* 1763 in the *Third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCII., 12.]

By his Excellency

The Hono^ble ROBERT MONCKTON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories thereon depending in *America*, Vice Admiral of the same and Major General of His Majesty's Forces.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Thursday* the *thirtieth* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to adjourn, and I do by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council further adjourn the said General Assembly, to *Thursday* the *fourteenth* day of *July* next; Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York*, the *twenty second* day of *June* 1763 in the *third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith and so forth.

ROB^T MONCKTON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCII., 16.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Thursday* the *fourteenth* day of *July* Instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *eleventh* day of *August* next. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirteenth* day of *July* 1763 in the *third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCII., 26.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Thursday* the *Eleventh* day of *August* Instant I have thought fit for His Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *fifteenth* day of *September* next, Of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *tenth* day of *August* 1763 in the *third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCII., 30.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America.*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Thursday* the *fifteenth* day of *September* Instant, I have thought fit for Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *eighth* day of *November* next, then to meet to proceed on Business, of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fourteenth* day of *September* 1763 in the *third* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY NINTH ASSEMBLY SIXTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Governor Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the Council Chamber in* Fort George *in the City of* New York, *on* Tuesday *the* Eighth *day of* November *in the* fourth year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third, *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain, France *and* Ireland King, Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty three.

The General Assembly having on the eleventh day of December 1762 by the Directions of his Excellency the Hono^ble^ Robert Monckton Captain Genereal and Governor in Chief of this Province, been adjourned to Tuesday the first day of February 1763, His Excellency was pleased by sundry Proclamations farther to adjourn them, on, and to the Times following. On the twenty sixth day of January, to the seventeenth day of February. On the sixteenth day of February, to the third day of March. On the second day of March to the twenty fourth of the same Month. On the sixteenth day of March, to the seventh day of April. On the sixth day of April to the twenty eighth day of the same Month. On the twentieth day of April to the nineteenth day of May. On the Eighteenth day of May, to the sixteenth day of June. On the Eighth day of June, to the thirtieth day of the same Month. And on the twenty second day of June to the fourteenth day of July. And his Excellency being embarked for England before that Day; The Hono^ble^ Cadwallader Colden Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, of the said province, was pleased by proclamation on the thirteenth day of July now last past, to prorogue the General Assembly to the eleventh day of August. And on the tenth day of August, His Honour was pleased by proclamation farther to prorogue the General Assembly to the ffifteenth day of September. And on the fourteenth day of September last, his Honour was pleased by proclamation farther to prorogue the General Assembly to this Day, then to meet to proceed on Business.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble^* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned til 3 o'Clock to Morrow in the Afternoon.

Wednesday, the Ninth day of November, 1763. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble^* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Hono^ble^ Cadwallader Colden Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in chief of the Province of New York, being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council chamber in Fort George.

The General Assembly attending accordingly, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having left the Council Chamber, and the General Assembly returning to the Assembly Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's speech be read.

Then the speech was read, and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows:

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The great and desirable Work of Peace, being by the Wisdom and Magnanimity of our gracious Sovereign happily accomplished since your Recess, I cordially congratulate you on this joyfull Event so highly glorious to his Majesty, and extensively Beneficial to his People. His American Subjects, who will derive from it a Security unknown since the first Establishment of these Colonies, must receive this Mark of the royal Attention to their Interest and Safety, with the warmest Sentiments of Loyalty, Gratitude and Affection.

The Enjoyment of solid Tranquility, is however unhappily suspended, by the daring and unprovoked Attacks of some of the Western Tribes of Indians, who under the specious Appearance of Friendship, have treacherously surprized some of our remote Posts, and are in open War renewing with relentless Cruelty, that Horror and Desolation among the defenceless Inhabitants from which they were so recently delivered.

To suppress this dangerous Defection pregnant with the most fatal Evils before it becomes more extensive and formidable, is our indispensible Duty.

The Preservation of our own Frontier, should be our first and immediate Care, every Motive of Policy Justice and Humanity, unitedly demanding the Protection of our fellow Subjects, whose distant and dispersed Situation must otherwise leave them an easy Prey to merciless Savages.

But barely to defend ourselves, would be giving the Enemy every Advantage, and expose us to perpetual Disquietude. It is necessary a Force should be raised, sufficient to chastise these faithless People, that feeling the Weight of our Resentment, they may be awed for the future, by the Fear of Punishment; Experience evincing, that destitute of every just and humane Principle, nothing else can secure us against their continual Ravages and Depredations.

Since then, not only the Prosperity of the Colony, but the very Existence of a great Part of it, depend on the most active and spirited Measures, no Arguments can be wanting to animate you to a vigorous Exertion of your Strength in the Accomplishment of this essential Object.

I shall therefore content myself with laying before you a Letter, I received from his Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces, pressing this Government to furnish a Proportion of Men, to proceed early in the Spring, in Conjunction with the regular Troops, on this important Service; Did the Subject require it, his superior Abilities would render it unnecessary for me, to enforce what he so wisely urges for subduing that restless fierce and cruel Spirit of the Savages, the Source of the most dreadful Calamities.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I flattered myself the ordinary support of his Majesty's Government, would have been the only Aid required of you at this Time, But the unexpected Revolt of the Indians, renders a much greater Expence unavoidable. Besides providing for the Company now posted at Fort Ontario, Niagara and Detroit, which General Monckton, by the Advice of his Majesty's Council, a few Days before his Departure, directed to be continued on that Service, I earnestly recōmend you will grant the necessary Supplies for raising, cloathing, and paying a Body of Forces, sufficient with the other Troops, to avert the Dangers we fear, avenge the Injuries we have received, and convince the Savages of our Ability to compel them to Submission.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The Enemy have already infested the Border of Orange and Ulster, and tho' I am confident of the Spirit and Activity of the Militia, yet as this Duty will soon be too severely felt, I assure myself you will enable me to ease them, and by the most vigorous Resolutions in this important Conjuncture, secure to yourselves, the great Advantages of a Peace peculiarly calculated for the Happiness of America.

Fort George, New York, CADWALLADER COLDEN.
9th Nov. 1763.

Ordered, that his Honour's speech be forthwith printed.

Mr De Lancey then moved that an humble address might be presented by this House to his Honour, in answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by this House accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Watts, Mr Walton and Mr De Lancey be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they lay the same before this House on Friday next.

The Council adjourned till Friday 10 o'clock.

Friday, the Eleventh day of November, 1763.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs
Earl of STIRLING.

Mr Watts from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor by this House; Reported that the Committee had prepared the Draft of an Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being agreed to was

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address in behalf of this House, who having signed the same accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Watts and the Earl of Stirling do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

Mr Watts and the Earl of Stirling being returned, Reported that they had waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and delivered the said Message, and that he was pleased to say, he would receive the Council's Address immediately.

The Speaker left the Chair and

With the Council went to present the humble address of this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having attended on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and presented to him the humble address of this House, His Honour had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, where the same was read.

Ordered that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes of this House which are as follow

To the Hono^ble CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of the Province of New York, returning your Honour our hearty thanks for your Speech, beg leave to present our cordial congratulations on the Re Establishment of the publick Tranquility, by a Peace so highly glorious to our illustrious Sovereign, and eminently advantageous to his people. Sensible of the solid and lasting security it will derive to his Majesty's American Subjects, We acknowledge with the utmost Gratitude this distinguished Instance of his Royal and Paternal Care for their Happiness and Prosperity.

It is with the greatest concern we see this happy prospect for a time interrupted, by the unnatural Revolt of some of the Indian Tribes whose disobedience & cruelty, merit the severest chastisement, and as a conduct vigorous and spirited, can only bring them to a sense of their duty your Honour may be assured of our hearty concurrence in every Measure, that can avert the dangers we have to fear, avenge the Insults we have sustained, and convince those merciless savages of both our Ability and resolution to compel them to a due submission.

By order of the Council
DAN: HORSMANDEN Speaker.

To which his Honour was pleased to return the following answer.

Gentlemen,

I thank you very heartily for this Address your Loyalty and your Zeal in the publick service have on all occasions been conspicuous.

Fort George New York, CADWALLADER COLDEN.
11th November 1763.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday the 29th day of November at 10 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the 29th *day of November*, 1763.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Alderman Livingston and Mr Bayard with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by Virtue of An Act Entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts, and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned passed in the Eleventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to Continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to His Majesty the several Duties and impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a Second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Livingston and Mr Verplanck, with the Bill Entituled [An Act impowering those who shall be appointed Foremen of Grand Juries to Administer the usual Oath to such Witnesses as are to be examined before them] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Henry Livingston and Mr Ten Brook, with the Bill Entituled [An Act directing when the Supervisors and Assessors of Dutchess County shall meet] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Seaman and Mr De Lancey with the Bill Entituled [An Act for Collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and sixty four to the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and sixty five inclusive] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Haasbrouck and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Fox hall in Ulster County to chuse Assessors and one Collector and the freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precinct of Memakatting in the said County to chuse a Collector] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Verplanck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading Infectious Distempers in this Colony with an Addition thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till 3 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Tuesday, the twenty ninth day of November, 1763. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit Emitted by Virtue of An Act Entitled An Act for Emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts, and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second] was read the second time, and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to His Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act impowering those who shall be appointed Foremen of Grand Juries to Administer the usual Oath to such Witnesses as are to be examined before them] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act directing when the Supervisors and Assessors of Dutches County shall meet] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act for Collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty four to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty five Inclusive] was read the second Time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Fox Hall in Ulster County to chuse Assessors and one Collector; and the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precinct of Memakating in the said County, to chuse a Collector] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading Infectious Distempers in this Colony with an Addition thereto] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act for the relief of the Poor in the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of West Chester] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 o Clock.

Wednesday, the thirtieth day of November, 1763.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the payment of the Debts and for the better support of the Government of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned passed in the eleventh year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had Gone through the said Bill and had Directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill *Ordered* a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act Impowering those who shall be appointed Foremen of Grand Juries, to administer the usual Oath to such Witnesses as are to be examined before them] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill *Ordered* a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act directing when the Supervisors and Assessors of Dutches County shall meet] and after sometime spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill *Ordered* a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for Collecting the duty of Excise on Strong Liquors Retailed in this Colony, from the first of January One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty four to the first Day of January One thousand Seven hundred and sixty five Inclusive] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill *Ordered* a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Fox Hall, in Ulster County, to Chuse Assessors and one Collector; and the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precinct of Memakatting in the said County to Chuse a Collector] And after sometime spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the said Bill *Ordered* a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Manor of Cortlandt, in the County of West Chester] and after sometime spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the first day of December, 1763.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

John Watts,
William Walton,
Oliver De Lancey, Esqrs,
Earl of Stirling.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Haasbrouck and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to Continue the several Acts therein mentioned relative to the Militia of the Colony of New York] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Lispenard and Mr Bayard with the Bill Entituled [An Act to impower Sir William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esqr of London to receive the sum that shall be allotted to this Colony by His Majesty out of the sum of one hundred thirty three thousand three hundred and thirty three Pounds six shillings and Eight Pence granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies, towards defraying the Expence of the Campaign of the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty one] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Philip Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act to Impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York to Order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Douw and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and Collect a sum not exceeding two hundred Pounds in the City and County of Albany to finish and compleat two Goals in the Court House in the said City] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by Virtue of An Act Entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts and for the better Support of the Government of this Colony, and other Purposes therein mentioned passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act impowering those who shall be appointed Foremen of Grand Juries, to Administer the usual Oath to such Witnesses as are to be examined before them] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act directing when the Supervisors and Assessors of Dutches County shall meet] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first of January One thousand seven hundred and Sixty four, to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty five inclusive] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to Enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Fox Hall in Ulster County to chuse Assessors and one Collector; and the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precinct of Memakatting in the said County, to chuse a Collector] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the relief of the Poor in the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till 4 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Thursday, the 1st *day of December*, 1763. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the several acts therein mentioned, relative to the Militia of the Colony of New York,] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to impower Sir William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esquire of London, to receive the sum that shall be allotted to this Colony by his Majesty, out of the sum of one hundred and thirty three thousand, three hundred and thirty three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence, granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies, towards defraying the Expence of the Campaign of the Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty one] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and Collect a sum not exceeding two hundred Pounds in the City and County of Albany, to finish and compleat two Goals in the courthouse in the said City] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed

The Council adjourned till 11 o Clock, to Morrow Morning

Friday, the second day of December, 1763.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the several Acts therein mentioned relative to the Militia of the Colony of New York] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bills and the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Fox Hall in Ulster County, to chuse assessors and one collector; and the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Precinct of Memakatting in the said County to chuse a Collector] without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to impower Sir William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esquire of London to receive the sum that shall be allotted to this Colony by his Majesty, out of the sum of One hundred and thirty three thousand three hundred and thirty three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence, granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies towards defraying the Expence of the Campaign of the Year One thousand seven hundred and Sixty One] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York to Order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred Pounds, for the purposes therein mentioned] and after sometime spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to rais Levy and Collect a sum not exceeding two hundred Pounds in the City and County of Albany to finish and Compleat two Goals in the Court house in the said City] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and on the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Earl of Stirling do acquaint the General Assembly, that the Council have passed the last mentioned three Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to His Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares & Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Council Adjourned till Wednesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Wednesday, the seventh day of December, 1763.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Miller—with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in the Counties of Richmond and Suffolk] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Captain Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Suffolk County to raise the sum of three thousand and forty one Pounds sixteen shilling and four pence three farthings, due from the said County on the Acts therein mentioned, and other incidental Charges of the said County] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Wednesday, the seventh day of December, 1763. Post Meridiem.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in the Counties of Richmond and Suffolk] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Suffolk County to raise the Sum of three thousand and forty one pounds, sixteen Shillings and four pence three farthings, due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned, and other incidental Charges of the said County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the eighth day of December, 1763.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Brook and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act providing for three hundred effective Men, exclusive of Officers, to be employed against the Enemy Indians; and for one hundred and seventy three Men, Officers included, to garison several Forts on the Frontiers of this Colony, in such Manner as the Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in North America, shall think proper; and also for three hundred effective Men, exclusive of officers to guard the Western Frontiers of this Colony, under the Direction of the Governor or Commander in Chief thereof] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 3 o Clock P. M.

Thursday, the 8th day of December, 1763. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act providing for three hundred effective Men, exclusive of Officers, to be employed against the Enemy Indians; and for one hundred and seventy three Men, Officers included, to garison several Forts on the Frontiers in this Colony, in such Manner as the Commander in chief of all his Majesty's Forces in North America, shall think proper: and also for three hundred effective Men, exclusive of Officers, to guard the Western Frontiers of this Colony, under the Direction of the Governor or Commander in chief thereof] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the Ninth day of December, 1763.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Alderman Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Pilots and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the port of New York and other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act intituled An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading infectious Distempers in this Colony, with an addition thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till 3 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Friday, the ninth day of December, 1763. Post Meridiem.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the pilots and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second Time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned untill to Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the twelfth day of December, 1763.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Justice Livingston and Mr Lispenard with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising three thousand pounds by way of Lottery, to be laid out in a Bounty on Hemp to be raised in this Colony] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Coll Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act Impowering John Cruger, Robert R. Livingston, Philip Livingston, Leonard Lispenard, and William Bayard Esquires, to receive from the Colony of Pensylvania the sum of four thousand three hundred and Sixty Eight Pounds two Shillings and Sixpence Sterling, overpaid to the said Colony out of the Parliamentary Grant for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Major Lispenard and Mr Bayard with the Bill Entituled [An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels using the Wharfs within the Limits therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Justice Livingston and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint Commissioners for licencing Taverns and reducing their number in Dutches County] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive an Act Entituled An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading infectious distempers in this Colony, with an addition thereto] was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act providing for three hundred effective Men, exclusive of Officers, to be employed against the Enemy Indians; and for one hundred and seventy three Men, Officers included, to Garrison several Forts on the Frontiers in this Colony, in such Manner as the Commander in Chief of all His Majesties Forces in North America shall think proper; and also for three hundred effective Men, exclusive of Officers, to guard the Western Frontiers of this Colony, under the Direction of the Governor or Commander in Chief thereof] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Rt Honoble the Earl of Stirling do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in the Counties of Richmond and Suffolk] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Suffolk County to raise the sum of three Thousand and forty one Pounds Sixteen Shillings and four Pence three farthings, due from the said County on the Acts therein mentioned, and other incidental Charges of the said County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Pilots, and establish their Pilotage, between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York; and other Purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

The Earl of Stirling from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till 4 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday, the twelfth Day of December, 1763, 4 *o'Clock.* P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for raising three Thousand Pounds by way of Lottery, to be laid out in a Bounty on Hemp to be raised in this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act impowering John Cruger, Robert R. Livingston, Philip Livingston, Leonard Lispenard and William Bayard Esquires, to receive from the Colony of Pensylvania, the sum of four thousand three hundred and Sixty Eight Pounds two Shillings and six Pence Sterling, overpaid to the said Colony, out of the Parliamentary Grant for the Service of the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships, and other Vessells using the Wharfs within the Limits therein mentioned] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint Commissioners for licensing Taverns, and reducing their Number in Dutches County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the thirteenth day of December, 1763.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint Commissioners for licensing Taverns and reducing their Number in Dutchess County] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

The Earl of Stirling from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to, and approved of; and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Earl of Stirling do accquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Coll Haring with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled an Act to impower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the Value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing an Act therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Ten Broock with the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Gauging of Wine Rum and other Spirituous Liquors Molasses and other purposes therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Bayard with the Bill Entituled [An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Vessels, for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Coll Philipse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent hunting with fire arms in the City of New York, and the liberties thereof] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly; and the General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly, was pleased to give his Assent to seventeen Bills the Titles whereof are as follows vizt

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes Imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act providing for three hundred effective Men exclusive of Officers, to be employed against the Enemy Indians; and for one hundred and Seventy three Men, Officers included, to Garrison several Forts on the Frontiers of this Colony, in such manner as the Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North America shall think proper; and also for three hundred effective Men, exclusive of Officers, to guard the Western frontiers of this Colony, under the direction of the Governor or Commander in Chief thereof.

An Act further to continue the several Acts therein mentioned relative to the Militia of the Colony of New York.

An Act for collecting the duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty four to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty five inclusive.

An Act further to continue the Currency of the Bills of Credit emitted by virtue of An Act Entituled An Act for emitting Bills of Credit for the Payment of the Debts, and for the better support of the Government of this Colony, and other purposes therein mentioned, passed in the eleventh Year of Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second.

An Act to revive An Act Entituled An Act to prevent the bringing in and Spreading Infectious Distempers in this Colony with an Addition thereto.

An Act to regulate the Pilots and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to impower Sir William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esquire of London to receive the sum that shall be allotted to this Colony by His Majesty out of the sum of one hundred and thirty three thousand three hundred and thirty three Pounds six shillings and Eight Pence granted by Parliament for the Northern Colonies towards defraying the Expence of the Campaign of the Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty one.

An Act impowering those who shall be Foremen of Grand Juries to administer the usual Oath to such Witnesses as are to be examined before them.

An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to raise Levy and Collect a Sum not exceeding two hundred Pounds in the City and County of Albany, to finish and compleat two Goals in the Court House in the said city.

An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in the Counties of Richmond and Suffolk.

An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Fox Hall in Ulster County to chuse Assessors and one Collector and the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precinct of Memakatting in the said County to chuse a Collector.

An Act to enable the Supervisors of Suffolk County to raise the Sum of three thousand and forty one Pounds Sixteen Shillings and four Pence three Farthings due from the said County on the Acts therein mentioned, and other incidental Charges of the said County.

An Act directing when the Supervisors and Assessors of Dutchess County shall meet.

An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester and

An Act to appoint Commissioners for licensing Taverns and reducing their number in Dutches County.

After which the said seventeen Acts were published in the usual manner and His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and the General Assembly afterwards leaving the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council Adjourned till 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Tuesday, the fourteenth day of December, 4 o Clock, P M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to impower Justices of the Peace Mayors, Recorders, and Aldermen, to try Cause to the Value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing an Act therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Gauging of Wine, Rum and other Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the Second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Vessels for defraying the Expences of the Light-House on Sandy Hook] was read the Second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Hunting with Fire Arms in the City of New York and the Liberties thereof, was read the Second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till Thursday Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the fifteenth day of December, 1763.

The Council met acording to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled [An Act to repeal and make void a Law entitled a Law for assizing all kinds of Victuals to be set to sale in the publick Markets of this City; and for establishing a new Assize for that purpose] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Bayard with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect the Sum of sixty one Pounds nineteen Shillings, in the City and County of New York, for Services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Simon Johnson Esqr Recorder, and John Morin Scott and Whitehead Hicks Esq^rs Aldermen, of the City of New York, attending without, were called in, and humbly represented that they had been informed a Bill had been passed by the General Assembly, and was now depending before this House Entituled [An Act to repeal and make void a Law entituled a Law for assizing all kinds of Victuals to be set to Sale in the publick Markets of this City, and for establishing a new assize for that Purpose] which Bill if Enacted, they conceived would greatly affect the Franchizes and Liberties granted by the Royal Charter to the Corporation of the said City; and therefore in behalf of the said Corporation, they humbly prayed they might have a copy of the said Bill, and that before the same should be passed by this House, the Corporation might be heard thereupon by its Council — And the said Gentlemen withdrawing

Ordered, that a Copy of the said Bill be delivered to the said Corporation, and that they do lay before this House, their Reasons in Writing against the same being enacted into a Law, on Saturday next at 11 o Clock in the Forenoon, and that the said Corporation be then heard by its Council in support of the said Reasons. Also

Ordered, that the Doors of the House be then open free for all persons to attend and be present at the Hearing.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising three thousand Pounds by way of Lottery, to be laid out in a Bounty on Hemp to be raised in this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act empowering John Cruger, Robert R. Livingston, Philip Livingston, Leonard Lispenard, and William Bayard Esq^rs to receive from the Colony of Pensylvania the sum of four thousand three hundred and Sixty Eight Pounds two Shillings and Six Pence Stirling, over paid to the said Colony, out of the Parliamentary Grant for the Service of the Year one thousand seven hundred and Sixty] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels, using the Wharfs within the Limits therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey, from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Vessels, for defraying the Expence of the Light-House on Sandy Hook] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

The Earl of Stirling from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue an Act Entituled An Act to impower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the Value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing an Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Gauging of Wine Rum and other Spirituous Liquors Molasses and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning at 11 o Clock.

Friday, the sixteenth day of December, 1763.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Philipse and Col. Seaman, with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government, from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty three, to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and other purposes therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned with an Addition thereto] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Mr Ten Broock with the Bill Entituled [An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein mentioned] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to impower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the Value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing An Act therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Hunting with Fire Arms in the City of New York, and the Liberties thereof] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

The Earl of Stirling from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council Adjourned till 4 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Friday, the sixteenth day of December, 4 o Clock, P. M.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government, from the first Day of September One Thousand seven hundred and sixty three, to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue an Act Entituled An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned with an Addition thereto] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein mentioned] was read the Second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of sixty one Pounds nineteen Shillings, in the City and County of New York, for Services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the seventeenth day of December, 1763.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the Gauging of Wine, Rum, and other Spirituous Liquors, Molasses, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government, from the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and Sixty three, to the first day of September one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty four and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, Entituled [An Act to raise Levy and Collect the sum of sixty one Pounds nineteen Shillings in the City and County of New York for the Services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third Time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

This being the day appointed for hearing the Corporation of the City of New York against the passing the Bill Entituled [An Act to repeal and make void a Law Entituled, a Law for assizing all kinds of Provisions in the publick Markets of this City, and for establishing a new Assize for that purpose] Mr Recorder Johnson, Mr Alderman Scott and Mr Alderman Hicks attending in behalf of the Corporation, were called in, and the Doors of the House being set open, and the Reasons against the passing the said Bill being fully heard the parties withdrew.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the twentieth day of December, 1763.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned, with an addition thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Earl of Stirling from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to repeal and make void a Law for repealing a Law Entituled a Law for assizing all Kinds of Victuals to be set to Sale in the publick Markets of this City and for establishing a new Assize for that purpose] was read the second time.

And on the Question being put by the Speaker

Whether the Bill should be committed,

It passed in the Negative.

The Speaker then put the Question

Whether the Bill should be rejected or not,

Which passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber, sent a message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly and

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly, was pleased to give his assent to eleven Bills the Titles whereof are as follow.

An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty three, to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to continue an Act Intituled An Act to impower Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders, and Aldermen, to try Causes to the Value of five Pounds and under, and for repealing an act therein mentioned.

An Act for raising three thousand Pounds by way of Lottery to be laid out in a Bounty on Hemp to be raised in this Colony.

An Act to regulate the Guaging of Wine, Rum and other Spirituous Liquors, Molasses and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light-House on Sandy Hook.

An Act impowering John Cruger, Robert R. Livingston, Philip Livingston, Leonard Lispenard and William Bayard, Esquires, to receive from the Colony of Pensylvania, the sum of four thousand three hundred and sixty Eight Pounds two Shillings and six Pence Sterling, overpaid to the said Colony out of the Parliamentary Grant for the Service of the Year one thousand seven hundred and Sixty.

An Act to continue an Act Entituled An Act for the relief of insolvent Debtors, and for repealing the Acts therein mentioned with an addition thereto.

An Act to prevent Hunting with Fire Arms in the City of New York and the Liberties thereof.

An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships, and other Vessels using the Wharfs within the Limits therein mentioned.

An Act to raise Levy and Collect the sum of Sixty one Pounds nineteen Shillings in the City and County of New York for services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County.

An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein mentioned.

After which the said eleven Acts were published in the usual Manner, and his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Council, and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber His Honour was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House untill the first Tuesday in February next.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having been pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn that House untill the first Tuesday in February next.

The Council therefore adjourned to the said first Tuesday in February next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCII., 81.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *seventh* day of *February* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *thirteenth* day of *March* next: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *second* day of *February* 1764 in the *fourth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCII., 90.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *thirteenth* day of *March* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty seventh* day of *March* Instant: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fifth* day of *March* 1764 in the *fourth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCII., 95.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *twenty seventh* day of *March* Instant. I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue; and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *tenth* day of *April* next; of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty first* day of *March* 1764 in the *fourth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCII., 96.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *tenth* day of *April* Instant, I have thought fit for His Majesty's Service, to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *seventeenth* day of *April* Instant then to meet to proceed on Business: Of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fourth* day of *April* 1764 in the *fourth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCII., 98.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Wednesday* the *eighteenth* day of *April* Instant, then to meet to proceed on Business; of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *seventeenth* day of *April* 1764 in the *fourth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honours Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-NINTH ASSEMBLY SEVENTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Lieutenant Governor, Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the Council Chamber in* Fort George *in the City of* New York, *on* Wensday *the* Eighteenth *day of* April, *in the* fourth year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third, *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth: and in the* Year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty four.

The General Assembly having on the twentieth day of December last by the Directions of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor been adjourned to the first Tuesday of February then next following. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased by sundry proclamations to prorogue them on and to the Days following that is to say. On the second day of February aforesaid, unto the thirteenth day of March following. On the fifth day of the said Month of March, until the twenty seventh day of the same month. On the twenty first day of March to the tenth day of April Instant. On the fourth day of April to the seventeenth day of April Instant; And on the day last mentioned, to this Day, then to meet to proceed on Business.

The Council met accordingly.

Present — *The Hono^ble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
John Watts,
William Walton,
Oliver De Lancey, Esq^rs,
Earl of Stirling.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the nineteenth day of April, 1764

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Hono^ble Cadwallader Colden Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message requireing the immediate Attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber in Fort George.

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor made a speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor left the Council Chamber, and

The General Assembly returning to the Assembly Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be read.

Then the Speech was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

Inconvenient as it may be to many of you, I should not have called you together at this Season, could I have taken upon myself to disband the Guards upon the Frontiers, for whom you have only provided to the first of next Month.

Since your Recess, Affairs with respect to the Indians, have taken a more favourable Turn; several of the Western Tribes at Detroit, dispirited by the gallant and obstinate Defence of that Post, were intimidated to a Submission. While Parties of the Six confederate Nations, now in general well affected to our Interest, are actually gone to chastise the Delawares, and those other Tribes, who have cõmitted such insolent Ravages. I am confident that incouraged by the Prospect of speedily terminating this distructive Rupture, no Efforts will be wanting on your Part, to promote that Tranquility, which is so essential to your own Welfare, and the general Prosperity of these Colonies: and this will be most effectually done by shewing ourselves prepared for all Events.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The Preservation of your Frontier still requires your Attention. I must also recommend your making Provision for the Company lately posted at Oswego; the General who considers this Corps, as destined to joyn the regular Forces, having desired that it may be compleated and in Readiness for immediate Service.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The Troops being in Motion, its necessary that your Resolutions be attended with Dispatch, that I may give the proper Orders before it be too late to carry them into Execution.

Fort George New Yorke
19th April 1764.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

Ordered, that his Honour's Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Smith then moved that an humble Address might be presented by this House to his Honour in Answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by this House accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Smith, Mr Watts and M^r De Lancey be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they lay the same before this House this Afternoon.

The Council adjourned till 3 o Clock P. M.

Thursday, the nineteenth day of April, 1764. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented by this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, Reported that the Committee had prepared the Draft of an Address accordingly, which he read in his place and then delivered the same in at the Table where the same was again read and being agreed to was

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the Address in Behalf of this House, who having signed the same accordingly

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey and the Earl of Stirling do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

M^r De Lancey and the Earl of Stirling being returned reported that they had waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and delivered the said Message, and that he was pleased to say he would receive the Council's Address to Morrow at 1 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 1 o clock in the Afternoon.

Friday, the twentieth day of April, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and with

The Council went to present the humble Address of this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Reported that having attended on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and presented to him the humble Address of this House, his Honour had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto which he delivered in at the Table, and the same being read

Ordered, that the humble Address of this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and his Answer thereto be entered in the Minutes of this House which are as follow.

To the Hono^ble CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour,

We his Majesty's most dutifull and loyal Subjects the Council of the Province of New York, return your Honour our hearty thanks for your Speech.

The submission of some of the Western Tribes of Indians at D'Etroit, reduced to this Necessity by the Bravery and good Conduct of his Majesty's Forces, and the present favourable disposition of the six united Nations, are circumstances which afford us great satisfaction.

Sensible that we cannot better recommend ourselves to our gracious Sovereign, than by wisely improving these important advantages, your Honour may be assured no efforts will be

wanting on our part, to bring to a Speedy Issue a Rupture so destructive, and to restore that Tranquility which appears so essential to the Prosperity of these Colonies.

By order of the Council

Council Chamber New York
20th April 1764.

DAN: HORSMANDEN Speaker.

His Honour the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S Answer.

Gentlemen,

I heartily thank you for this Address. Your repeated Instances of your Zeal for the publick service, I make no doubt will be accompanied with the wished for Effects: Security of our Frontiers, and a general Tranquility.

Fort George 20 April 1764. CADWALLADER COLDEN.

Ordered, that the said Address & Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till 5 o Clock P. M.

Friday, the twentieth day of April, 1764. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman & Col: Haasbrouck with the Bill Entituled [An Act providing for one hundred and eighty Men exclusive of Officers to be employed against the Enemy Indians, and other purposes therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Alderman Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act to impower Sir William Baker Knight, and Robert Charles Esqr, of the City of London, to receive such Sum as shall be allotted to this Colony by his Majesty, out of the sum of one hundred and thirty three thousand, three hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence Sterling, granted by Parliament towards defraying the Expence of the Northern Colonies in the Campaign of the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty two] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the twenty first day of April, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act providing for one hundred and eighty Men, exclusive of Officers, to be employed against the Enemy Indians; and other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Sir William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esquire of the City of London, to receive such sum as shall be alloted to this Colony by his Majesty, out of the sum of one hundred and thirty three thousand three hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight Pence Sterling, granted by parliament towards defraying the Expence of the Northern Colonies in the Campaign of the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty two] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the last mentioned Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of,

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly. And the General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly, was pleased to give his assent to the two Bills prepared for it, the Titles whereof are as follow, vizt.

An Act providing for one hundred and eighty Men, exclusive of Officers, to be employed against the Enemy Indians; and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to impower Sir William Baker Knight, and Robert Charles Esqr, of the City of London, to receive such sum as shall be allotted to this Colony by his Majesty, out of the sum of one hundred and thirty three thousand three hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence Sterling, granted by parliament towards defraying the Expence of the Northern Colonies, in the Campaign of the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty two.

After which the said two Acts were published in the usual manner, and his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Council, and the General Assembly, being returned to the Council Chamber, his Honour was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber, and adjourn the House until Tuesday the eighth day of May next.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having been pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn that House until Tuesday the eighth day of May next.

The Council therefore adjourned until Tuesday the said eighth day of May next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCII., 107.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *eighth* day of *May* Instant: I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twelfth* day of *June* next: of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *second* day of *May* 1764 in the *fourth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIII., 71.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *twelfth* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *seventh* day of *August* next of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *ninth* day of *June* 1764 in the *fourth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING

TWENTY-NINTH ASSEMBLY EIGHTH SESSION

At a Session *of the* Lieutenant Governor, Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the* fourth *day of* September *in the* fourth year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four.

The General Assembly having on the twenty first day of April last by the Directions of his Honour the Lieutenant Governor been adjourned to the Eighth Day of May following: His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased by sundry Proclamations to prorogue them on and to the Days following that is to say. On the second day of May aforesaid, to the twelfth day of June following. On the ninth day of the said Month of June unto the seventh day of August following. And on the said seventh day of August unto this Day, then to meet to proceed on Business.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wenesday, the fifth day of September, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Hono^ble Cadwallader Colden Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York, being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor then returned to the Fort, and the General Assembly to the Assembly Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be read.

Then the Speech was read, and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

Desirous to consult your Ease, I have called you together at a Season, represented to me as the most convenient to yourselves.

Your enabling me to place Guards on the exposed Parts of the Frontier, hath been attended with the most salutary Effects; the People having remained intirely free from the Incursions of the Indians, who seldom attack those they find prepared for Defence.

With great Satisfaction I congratulate you on the Peace lately concluded with the several Nations of Indians at Niagara, thro' the Ability, Experience, and zealous Efforts of Sir

William Johnson. The Army collected to chastise them, while it facilitated this happy Measure, must by impressing on the Minds of the Indians, a high Sence of our Power, render their Submission more firm and lasting. It will give you peculiar Pleasure to be informed, that his Majesty graciously distinguishes and approves your Conduct, in providing for the Troops now in your Pay, who have greatly contributed towards the general Service.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

With the Support of his Majesty's Government, I recommend the Discharge of the publick Debts. Emergencies often arise, which make it necessary to have recourse to private Persons: publick Credit ought therefore inviolably to be preserved.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The Law granting a Bounty on Hemp, is expired without its intended Effect. There are large Tracts of Land in this Province, well adapted to the Production of this valuable Article; which by proper Means, may become a Staple highly beneficial to us, and is an Object so interesting to our Mother Country, as to have received Encouragement from the British Parliament. The Farmers in general are ignorant both of its Culture, and Preparation for Manufacture. Rewards therefore are requisite to excite their Attention and annimate them to the pursuit of this important Branch of Husbandry. On the Revival of the Act, I hope all Ranks in the Mercantile as well as the landed Interest, will unite in promoting a Design calculated for their common Advantage, and eminently conducive to the Prosperity of the Colony.

Fort George, New York CADWALLADER COLDEN.
5th September, 1764.

Ordered, that his Honor the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be forthwith printed.

The Earl of Stirling then moved that an humble Address might be presented by this House to his Honor in answer to his speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by this House accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Smith, Mr Watts, and Mr Reade be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they lay the same before this House on Friday next.

The Council adjourned til Friday Morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the seventh Day of September, 1764.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assum'd the Chair.

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented by this House to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Reported that the Committee had prepared the draft of an Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being agreed to was

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address in Behalf of this House, who having signed the same accordingly,

Ordered, that Mr Watts and Mr Reade do wait on his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their humble Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned, Reported that they had waited on his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and delivered the said Message, and that he was pleased to say he would receive the Address of the Council immediately.

The Speaker left the Chair and

With the Council went to present the humble address of this House to his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Reported that having attended his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and presented to him the humble address of this House, His Honor had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, where the same was read.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Minutes of this House which are as follow

To the Hono^ble^ CADWALLADER COLDEN, Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories Depending thereon in America

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honor

We his Majesty's most dutifull and loyal Subjects the Council of the Province of New York, return your Honor our hearty thanks for your Speech.

It is with pleasure we observe that the measures wisely adopted by the Legislature for the Protection of the Frontier, hath, by your Honor's great Vigilance, afforded the most effectual security to the Inhabitants.

The Growth and extension of these Colonies, so much depend on a good understanding with the numerous surrounding Indian Nations, that we cannot but rejoice in a Prospect of a solid Tranquility with that People, now happily restored by the Treaty at Niagara concluded under the able direction, and thro' the zealous Efforts of Sir William Johnson convinced of their own Inability and Weakness, opposed to the Power justly exerted for their Punishment; and impelled by pressing want and necessity; we hope their submission is offered with sincerity, and will be more firm and lasting.

With the utmost Gratitude, we receive the distinguished mark of the royal Goodness, manifested by his Majesty's Gracious approbation of the conduct of this his loyal Colony in providing for the Troops raised for the publick service.

Sensible that the granting a bounty on Hemp, and encouraging the other Productions to which this Country is adapted, will not only increase the Intercourse between our Mother Country and this Province, but prove highly beneficial to both. Your Honor may be assured that, in Imitation of the wise example of Great Britain, we shall chearfully unite with the other Branches of the Legislature, in promoting Agriculture and Commerce; without which this Colony must soon be reduced to Poverty, and the utmost distress.

By order of the Council

New York 5th September 1764 — DANIEL HORSMANDEN Speaker.

His Honor the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S Answer.

Gentlemen,

I very heartily thank you for this kind and obliging Address. It greatly encourages me in my duty, to promote every thing in my power for his Majesty's service, and the advantage of his People under my care.

Fort George 5th September 1764 — CADWALLADER COLDEN.

Ordered, that the said address and answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned to Wensday the 19th day of September Instant at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Wensday, the Nineteenth day of September, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Hono^ble^* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Justice Livingston and Mr Verplack with the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes, imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Cruger with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels

and for the Time therein mentioned together with another Act therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Mr Kissam with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of wild Catts in the County of Suffolk] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Henry Livingston and Col. Philipse with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent Damages done by Swine in Dutches County] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Haasbrouck and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entituled [An Act for dividing the precinct of Goshen in Orange County into two Precincts to be called by the Names of Goshen and Cornwal] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Haasbrouck and Captain Douw with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Ulster County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Groot and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise within the Bounds and Limits of the Township of Schenectady, the Sum of Eighty Pounds, towards paying for a Fire Engine, purchased for the use of the said Township] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Henry Livingston and Mr Verplanck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster Dutches and Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Eight Bills be read

Then the said eight Bills were severally read the first time &

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twentieth day of September, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
JOSEPH READE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the Time therein mentioned, together with another Act therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of wild Catts in the County of Suffolk] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent Damages done by Swine in Dutches County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for dividing the Precinct of Goshen in Orange County into two Precincts to be called by the names of Goshen and Cornwal] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Ulster County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise within the Bounds and Limits of the Township of Schenectady the Sum of Eighty Pounds towards paying for a Fire Engine purchased for the Use of the said Township] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more Effectual destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster, Dutches and Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Douw and Mr Ten Eyck, with the Bill entituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty first day of September, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
JOSEPH READE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Haasbrouck and Col Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty fifth day of September, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Honor the Lieutenant Governor which was read and ordered to be entered and is in the words following

Gentlemen,

The Establishment of the Limits between his Majesty's Colonies, being of the utmost Importance to the Quiet and Tranquility of his People, the Legislatures of this and the Province of New Jersey, united in passing Laws for defraying the Expence that shall accrue in the final Settlement of the Line of Partition between them. And I have the Satisfactiou to inform you, that the Rt Honoble the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, have recommended those Laws, as proper to be confirmed by his Majesty, and that the royal Commission should issue in Consequence thereof.

The desirable Effects which must result from this salutary Measure, call for the like Provision on your Part, in order finally to ascertain and determine the Boundary between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay. A Matter long contested, and which has been productive of frequent Riots and Disorders, to the Disturbance of the publick Peace: and the Injury of private Property, I therefore earnestly recommend this as an Object highly deserving your Consideration.

Fort George New York
24th September 1764.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Seaman and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Richmond County to raise the sum of one

thousand and seventy eight Pounds seven shillings and five Pence one farthing, due from the said County on the Acts therein mentioned; and other Incidental Charges of said County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith, from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to lay a duty of tonnage on the Vessels, and for the time therein mentioned, together with another Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein.

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone thro' the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to, and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Ulster County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place, Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved it-self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise within the bounds and Limitts of the Township of Schenectady the sum of Eighty Pounds towards paying for a Fire Engine purchased for the use of the said Township] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill beread the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster, Dutches and Orange] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Read from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the question being put was agreed to, and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Read from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Read do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till Thursday next at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Thursday, the twenty seventh day of September, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* WILLIAM SMITH, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Richmond County to raise the sum of one thousand and seventy eight Pounds seven Shillings and five Pence one Farthing due from

the said County on the Acts therein mentioned, and other incidental Charges of said County] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue an Act entituled An Act for the Punishment of Persons in the City of New York, who shall by false pretences obtain any Goods Wares or Merchandizes from any Person, with Intent to cheat or defraud such Person] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Capt Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to enable the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the Time being or the Major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City, to the South of Fresh Water, and other Purposes therein mentioned; with an Addition thereto] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wisner and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect a Sum not exceeding twenty one Pounds ten Shillings, on the Estates real and personal of all the Freeholders and Inhabitants at the South side of the Highlands in the County of Orange, to be applyed for the Uses therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Captain Douw with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding fourteen hundred Pounds for the Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Col. Philipse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the publick Pounds in the City and County of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wisner and Coll Haasbrouck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said six Bills be read.

Then the said six Bills were severally read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty eighth day of September, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Douw and Mr Bayard with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and fflour Cask, together with the Act therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Schenck, with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue an Act entituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars from selling without Lycence in this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Coll. Haasbrouck with the Bill Entituled [An Act appointing Storm Beckers, Martinus Van Alstine, and Samuel Ferris Commissioners for laying out Highways within the Limits therein mentioned in the County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said three Bills be read.

Then the said three Bills were read the first time, and

Ordered, a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Richmond County, to raise the sum of One thousand and seventy eight Pounds seven Shillings and five Pence one Farthing, due from the said County on the Acts therein mentioned; and other incidental Charges of said County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the Punishment of Persons in the City of New York, who shall by false Pretences obtain any Goods Wares or Merchandizes from any Person with Intent to cheat or defraud such Person] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to enable the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, or the major Part of them, to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City, to the south of Fresh Water, and other Purposes therein mentioned with an Addition thereto] was read the second time and

Ordered to be commited.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill; and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House, reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect a sum not exceeding twenty one Pounds ten Shillings, on the Estates real and personal of all the Freeholders and Inhabitants at the South Side of the Highlands in the County of Orange to be applyed to the uses therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Comittee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of New York, to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred Pounds, for the Purposes therein mentioned] was Read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the publick Pounds in the City and County of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Council had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Council adjourned till 3 o Clock P. M.

Friday the twenty eighth day of September, 1764. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the Punishment of Persons in the City of New York, who shall by false Pretences obtain any Goods Wares or Merchandizes from any Person with Intent to cheat or defraud such Person] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to enable the Mayor Deputy Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, or the major part of them, to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the south of Fresh Water, and other Purposes therein mentioned with an addition thereto] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect a sum not exceeding twenty one Pounds ten Shillings, on the Estates real and personal of all the Freeholders and Inhabitants at the South Side of the Highlands in the County of Orange to be applyed for the uses therein mentioned] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred Pounds, for the Purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate the publick Pounds in the city and county of New York] was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Reade do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.
The Bills Entituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County or Orange] was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment.
The Council adjourned untill Wensday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Wensday, the third day of October, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqr,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Honor the Lieutenant Governor which was read and
Ordered to be entered, and is in the words following.

Gentlemen,
His Majesty thinking it just and reasonable, and essential to his Interest, and the Security of his Colonies, that the several Nations or Tribes of Indians who live under his Protection, should not be molested or disturbed in the Possession of the Lands, which have not been legally and without Fraud purchased of them; and having declared his determined Resolution to remove all reasonable Cause of Discontent, which they entertain: I have received Directions to inform you of the great Dissatisfaction and Uneasiness expressed by the Mohock Nation, on Account of the Patent known by the Name of Kayaderosseras or Queensborough; and to recommend to you, the passing a Bill for vacating and annulling that Grant.
The Indians disown the Sale of those Lands, and they have frequently been a Subject of their Complaint; indeed on compareing the Grant with the Indian Purchase, the Boundaries of the former appear to comprehend, a far greater Extent of Country, than, by any Construction can be included within the Description in the Indian Conveyance. The Mohocks, who it is well known, never obstruct a Settlement, where the Purchase is fair and regular, have not suffered any Improvement to be made by the Proprietors; and the Tract, even to this Day, remains in common and undivided.
With Copies of the Letter Patent and Indian Purchase, I have ordered to be laid before you, the Proceedings at a late Conference with the Mohocks, which discover fresh Complaints, and that while those People appeal to ourselves for a Proof of their Attachment, they reproach us with a Delay of the Justice due to them, in Return for their unshaken Fidelity. I cannot, therefore doubt your applying the most effectual Remedy in a Case wherein the Honour of the Crown, and the Interest of the Publick are highly concerned.
Fort George New York CADWALLADER COLDEN.
2d October 1764.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and Flour Cask, together with the acts therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars from selling without Lycence in this Colony] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [appointing Storm Beckers, Martoinus Van Alstyne, and Samuel Ferris Commissioners for laying out Highways within the Limits therein mentioned in the County of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Mr Holland, with the Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and sixty five, to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty six inclusive] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Douw and Mr P. R. Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Dutches County, to raise a Sum not exceeding two hundred Pounds, for finishing the Goal of the said County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Captain Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt: Seaman and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the Highways in the County of Suffolk] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said four Bills be read.

Then the said four Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the fourth day of October, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty five to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty six inclusive] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Dutches County to raise a Sum not exceeding two hundred Pounds for finishing the Jail of the said County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] was read the second time and

Ordered to be cōmitted.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue the several therein mentioned respecting the Highways in the County of Suffolk] was read the second time and

Ordered to be cōmitted.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Mr Kissam with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent hunting with Fire Arms and Robing of Orchards, Gardens Cornfields, and in other inclosed Lands in the Township of Brookland in Kings County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the fifth day of October, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Hunting with Fire Arms, and robbing of Orchards, Gardens, Cornfields, and in other inclosed Lands in the Township of Brookland in Kings County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Thursday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Thursday, the Eleventh day of October, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Mr Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act for paying and discharging several Sums of Money claimed as publick Debts of this Colony, and other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Alderman Livingston and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act for raising three Thousand Pounds by way of Lottery to be laid out in a Bounty on Hemp to be raised in this Colony, and for prolonging the Time of drawing said Lottery] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Schenck with the Bill entituled [An Act to appropriate the Monies that have arisen in Kings County and Queens County by the Fines and Forfeitures from the People of the church or Congregation called Unitas Fratrum, or united Brethren, and from the People called Quakers by Virtue of the Acts therein mentioned] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said three Bills be read.

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twelfth day of October, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for paying and discharging several Sums of Money claimed as publick Debts of this Colony, and other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act for raising three Thousand Pounds by way of Lottery to be laid out in a Bounty on Hemp to be raised in this Colony, and for prolonging the time of drawing said Lottery] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to appropriate the Monies that have arisen in Kings County and Queens County by the Fines and Forfeitures of the People of the Church or Congregation called Unitas Fratrum or united Brethren, and from the People called Quakers by Virtue of the Act therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the thirteenth day of October, 1764. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Verplank and Mr Kissam with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of the County of Westchester, to raise the sum of eight hundred ninety and two Pounds due from the said County, on the Act therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Boerum with the Bill intituled [An Act to lay a Duty on certain Goods Wares and Merchandizes sold at publick Vendue, Auction, or Outcry, in the City and County of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said two Bills be read.

Then the said two Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for dividing the Precinct of Goshen in Orange County into two Precincts, to be called by the Names of Goshen and Cornwall] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false taring of Bread and Flour Cask together with the Act therein mentioned] and after sometime spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved it self into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars from selling without Licence in this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act appointing Storm Beckers, Martoinus Van Alstyne and Samuel Ferris Commissioners for laying out Highways within the Limitts therein mentioned, in the County of Albany] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty five, to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty six inclusive] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Dutches County, to raise a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds for finishing the Goal in the said County] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of
Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise a Fund for defraying damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Cõmittee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the Highways in the County of Suffolk] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Cõmittee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for paying and discharging several sums of money claimed as publick Debts of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Cōmittee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Read do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act for raising three thousand pounds by way of Lottery to be laid out in a Bounty on Hemp, to be raised in this Colony, and for prolonging the time of drawing the said Lottery] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Cōmittee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the last mentioned Bill without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent hunting with Fire Arms and robbing of Orchards, Gardens, Cornfields, and in other inclosed Lands in the Township of Brookland in Kings County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Cōmittee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and being agreed to, the Amendments were

Ordered to be engrossed, and being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do Carry back the said Bill with the amendment to the General Assembly, and acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill with those Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of that House.

The Council adjourned till four o clock on Monday next in the afternoon.

Monday, the fifteenth day of October, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of the County of Westchester, to raise the Sum of Eight hundred ninety and two Pounds, due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to lay a Duty on certain Goods Wares and Merchandizes sold at publick Vendue Auction or Outcry in the City and County of New York] was read the second Time and

On the Question being put

Whether the Bill should be committed

It passed in the Negative.

The Speaker then put the Question

Whether the Bill should be rejected or not,

Which passed in the Affirmative: And

Thereupon it was unanimously

Resolved, that the Bill be rejected.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the Sixteenth day of October, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* WILLIAM SMITH, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wensday, the seventeenth day of October, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Lispenard with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the Several Officers of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty four to the first day of September 1765 included] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Alderman Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act for appropriating the sum of fifty nine thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds of the Monies therein mentioned for calling in, Sinking and Cancelling Bills of Credit to that amount of the Emissions therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Livingston and Coll Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue an Act Entituled an Act to prevent damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Kissam with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating the publick Roads in the City and County of New York, and to Levy Money to Defray the Expences thereof,] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said four Bills be read.

Then the said four Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned til Tomorrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the Eighteenth day of October, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty four to the first day of September 1765 included] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for appropriating the sum of fifty nine thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds of the Monies therein mentioned for calling in sinking and Cancelling Bills of Credit to that amount of the Emissions therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue an Act entituled An Act to prevent damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating the publick Roads in the City and County of New York, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Livingston and Mr Kissam with the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing Hermanus Myer, Frans Petrus Roggen, Johan Jacob Roggen, Gerrit Whelp Nicholas Falk, Christopher Abraham, Vernezobre Aaron Isaacs, Hendrick Sleghs, Jury Mack, Jacob Seilie Michael Saxe, Henry Weiderstein, Christian Schell, Johannes Schell, Johannis Roosevelt and John Styers] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Then the said Bill was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty four to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty five, included] And after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for appropriating the sum of fifty nine thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds of the monies therein mentioned, for calling in sinking and cancelling Bills of Credit to that Amount of the Emissions therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time, and
On the Question being put,
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act to continue An Act Entituled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating the publick Roads in the City and County of New York and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Ant for naturalizing Harmanus Myer, Frans Petrus Roggen, Johan Jacob Roggen, Gerret Welp, Nicholas Falk, Christoper Abraham Vernezobre, Aaron Isaaces, Hendrick Sleght, Jury Mick, Jacob Seilie, Michael Saxe, Henry Weirderstein, Christian Schell, Johannes Schell, Johannis Roosevelt and John Styers] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Watts from the Cōmittee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Cōmittee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any amendment.
A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Seaman and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair Common and publick highways in Richmond County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 11 o clock.

Firday, the Nineteenth day of October, 1764.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in repair common and publick Highways in Richmond County] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.
A Message from the General Assembly (by Mr Bayard and Captain Seaman) desireing to be informed what progress this House hath made in the Bill Entituled [An Act to lay a certain Duty on Goods Wares or Merchandizes sold at publick Vendue, Auction or Out Cry in the City and County of New York.]
Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly in answer to their said Message that this House hath rejected the said Bill.
A Message from the General Assembly (by Captain Seaman and Mr Schenck) desiring to be informed what Progress this House hath made in the Bill entituled [An Act to appropriate the Monies that have arisen in Kings County and Queens County, by the Fines and Forfeitures from the People of the Church or Congregation called Unitas Fratrum, or united Brethren, and from the People called Quakers, by Virtue of the Acts therein mentioned]
The Council taking the said Message into Consideration ;
Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly, that this House conceiving it will be more for the publick Service, as well as the Security of the said Counties, that the Arms already provided, should be repaired and kept in good order, and others purchased with the Monies arisen, and not yet applyed; than that the said Monies, and the Monies to arise by the Sale of the Arms, should be appropriated towards paying the publick Taxes of the said Counties: have for this Reason declined proceeding any farther on the Bill.
A Message from the General Assembly by Coll Livingston and Mr Schenck, with the Bill Entituled [An Act for facilitating the Settlement of the Partition Line between the Colony of New York, and the Province of the Massachusets Bay] desireing the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till 4 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Friday, the nineteenth day of October, 1764. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for facilitating the settlement of the Partition Line between the Colony of New York and the Province of the Massachusets Bay] was read the second time and *Ordered* to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker assumed the Chair, and

Mr Walton from the committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o Clock.

Saturday, the twentieth day of October, 1764.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for facilitating the settlement of the Partition Line, between the Colony of New York and the province of the Massachusets Bay] was read the third time, and On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly, and the General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in presence of the Council and the General Assembly, was pleased to give his assent to thirty four Bills, the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes, imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on the Vessels, and for the time therein mentioned together with another Act therein mentioned.

An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the Punishment of Persons in the City of New York, who shall by false pretences obtain any Goods Wares or Merchandizes from any Person with Intent to cheat or defraud such Person.

An Act further to continue An Act entitled An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false Taring of Bread and Flour Cask, together with the Act therein mentioned.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars from selling without Lycense in this Colony.

An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty five, to the first day of Jannary one thousand seven hundred and sixty six inclusive.

An Act for paying and discharging several sums of Money, claimed as publick Debts of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for raising three Thousand Pounds by way of Lottery to be laid out in a Bounty on Hemp to be raised in this Colony; and for prolonging the time of drawing said Lottery.

An Act for the payment of the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government, from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty five included.

An Act for appropriating the sum of fifty nine thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds, of the Monies therein mentioned, for calling in, sinking, and cancelling Bills of Credit to that Amount of the Emissions therein mentioned.

An Act for facilitating the settlement of the Partition Line between the Colony of New York, and the Province of the Massachusets Bay.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of Wild Catts in the County of Suffolk.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent damages by Swine in Dutches County.

An Act for dividing the Precinct of Goshen in Orange County, into two Precincts to be called by the Names of Goshen and Cornwall.

An Act for the better regulating the Taxation of Estates in Ulster County.

An Act to raise within the bounds and limitts of the Township of Schonectady the sum of Eighty Pounds towards Paying for a Fire Engine purchased for the use of the said Township.

An Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster Dutches & Orange.

An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany.

An Act to enable the Supervisors of Richmond County to raise the sum of one thousand and Seventy eight Pounds, seven Shillings and five Pence one farthing, due from the said County on the Acts therein mentioned, and other incidental Charges of the said County.

An Act further to continue an Act entituled an Act to enable the Mayor Deputy Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, for the time being or the Major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the south of fresh Water, and other purposes therein mentioned, with an Addition thereto.

An Act to raise levy and collect a sum not exceeding twenty one Pounds ten Shillings on the Estates real and personal of all the freeholders and Inhabitants at the south side of the Highlands in the County of Orange to be applyed for the uses therein mentioned.

An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred Pounds for the Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to regulate the Publick Pounds in the City and County of New York.

An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange.

An Act appointing Storm Beckers, Martoinus Van Alstyne and Samuel Ferris Commissioners for laying out Highways within the Limits therein mentioned in the County of Albany.

An Act to enable the Supervisors of Dutches County to raise a sum not exceeding two hundred Pounds for finishing the Goal of the said County.

An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond.

An Act to continue the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the Highways in the County of Suffolk.

An Act to enable the Supervisors of the County of West Chester to raise the sum of Eight hundred ninety and two Pounds due from the said County on the Act therein mentioned.

An Act to continue An Act entituled an Act to prevent damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston.

An Act for the better regulating the Publick Roads in the City and County of New York and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof.

An Act for Naturalizing Hermanis Myer, Frans Petrus Roggen, Johan Jacob Roggen, Garret Welp, Nicholas Falk, Christopher Abraham Vernezobre, Aaron Isaacs, Hendrick Sleght, Jury Mack, Jacob Seilie, Michael Saxe, Henry Widerstein, Christian Schell, Johannes Schell, Johannis Roosevelt and John Styers.

An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in repair common and publick Highways in Richmond County.

After which the said thirty four Acts were published in the usual manner, and His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, the Council, and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, His Honour was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and to adjourn the House until Tuesday the twentieth day of November next.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having been pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn that House until Tuesday the twentieth day of November next.

The Council therefore adjourned until Tuesday the said twentieth day of November next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIII., 5.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *twentieth* day of *November* Instant I have thought fit for His Majesty's Service to prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *eighth* day of *January* next of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *nineteenth* day of *November* 1764 in the *fifth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command

Gw. Banyar *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N.Y. Col. MSS., XCIII., 20.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr his Majesty's Lieutanant Governor and Commander in
(L S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to this day I have thought fit for His Majesty's service to prorogue And I do by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *nineteenth* day of

March next Of which all His Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *eighth* day of *January* 1765 in the *fifth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honor's Command
GW. BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIII., 44.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *nineteenth* day of *March* Instant, I have thought fit for His Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fourteenth* day of *May* next; of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirteenth* day of *March* 1765, in the *fifth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIII., 70.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorouged to *Tuesday* the *fourteenth* day of *May* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly, to *Tuesday*

the *ninth* day of *July* next: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York*, the *eighth* day of *May* 1765 in the *fifth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS, XCIII., 75.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *Ninth* day of *July* Instant: I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *tenth* day of *September* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *Eighth* day of *July* 1765 in the *fifth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIII., 92.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *tenth* day of *September* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fifteenth* day of *October* next ensuing: Then to meet to proceed upon Business: of

which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *Ninth* day of *September* 1765 in the *fifth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIII., 117.]

BY THE HONOURABLE

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *twenty ninth* day of *October* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twelfth* day of *November* next, then to meet to proceed on Business of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *October* 1765 in the *Sixth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY NINTH ASSEMBLY NINTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Governor, Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the* twelfth *day of* November, *in the* Sixth year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth: and in the* year *of our* Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty five.

The General Assembly having on the twentieth day of October 1764 by the directions of his Honour the Lieutenent Governor, been adjourned to the twentieth day of November following: His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased by sundry proclamations to Prorogue them on and to the days following, that is to say. On the 19th day of November aforesaid, to the

eighth day of January 1765; On the eighth day of January aforesaid, to the 19th day of March following: On the 13th day of March to the 14th day of May following. On the 8th day of the said Month of May to the 9th day of July following: On the 8th day of the said Month of July to the 10th day of September following; On the 9th day of the said month of September to the 15th day of October following; On the 9th day of the said month of October to the 29th day of the same month, and on the said 29th day of October unto this day, then to meet to proceed on Business.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 O'Clock.

Wednesday, the thirteenth day of November, 1765.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon, landing this day; and his Majesty's Letters Patent to him as Captain General having been published, and the Oaths adminstred to his Excellency, he was afterwards pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn the House until Tuesday next.

The Council therefore adjourned to the same day at 11 O'Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the Nineteenth day of November, 1765.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another Copy to the Speaker of the General Assembly, together with a copy to each, of a Letter from Governor Murray of Quebec, dated 29th June 1765 recommending the case of the unhappy sufferers by the late Fire at Montreal.

His Excellency having left the Council Chamber, and the General Assembly being returned to the Assembly Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered that his Excellency's Speech be read.

Then His Excellency's Speech was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows vizt.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint me His Governor in Chief of this Province, I have given you the earliest Opportunity after my Arrival, of making that Provision for the Exigencies of the Government which the Expiration of your annual Laws, and the public Service in general, may require; and am fully persuaded that your Attention to the Welfare of this Province, will induce you to take into your serious Consideration, the various Plans which have at different Times been proposed for the Encouragement of the American Colonies, by extending the different Branches of their Commerce, which if properly attended to cannot fail of becoming a lasting Source of Wealth, not only to yourselves, but to your Mother Country.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

After the necessary Supplies of the Government are provided, I beg Leave to recommend to you the Case of the unhappy Sufferers by the late Fire at Montreal: Their Distresses plead loudly for them, and render an Application in their Behalf highly proper, as private Contributions bear so small a Proportion to the Relief required in so general a Calamity.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I flatter myself, that your Zeal for His Majesty's Service, and the Good of your Country, will engage you to carry on your Session with the Unanimity becoming your Station, and the Purposes for which you are convened: Let these great Objects be ever present before you, and have such Influence on your Conduct, as not to be undeserving of that Protection which has been extended by our Most Gracious Sovereign, to his most distant Subjects. My ready Concurrence shall never be wanting in every Measure consistent with the King's Instructions, which can tend to promote the Interests of this Province; and I shall be extremely happy to have it in my Power, as much as it is in my Inclination, to make it the most flourishing Part of His Majesty's Dominions in America.

Council Chamber New York HENRY MOORE.
19th Novr 1765.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Walton then moved that an humble Address might be presented by this House to his Excellency in answer to his Speech

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by this House to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Watts, Mr Walton, M^r DeLancey, Mr Reade and Mr Morris be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they lay the same before this House on Friday next.

The Council adjourned til Friday at 11 O'Clock in the morning.

Friday, the twenty second day of November, 1765.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W^D APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Morris from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented by this House to his Excellency, Reported that the Committee had prepared the Draft of an Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being agreed to, was

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address to his Excellency in behalf of this House, who having signed the same accordingly

Ordered that Mr Watts and Mr Morris do wait on his Excellency and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned reported, that they had delivered the said Message to his Excellency, and that he was pleased to appoint Tuesday next at 11 O'Clock when he would receive the Councils address at the Council Chamber in Fort George.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 O'Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty sixth day of November, 1765

The Council met according to Adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Charles Wd Apthorpe,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and with

The Council went to Fort George to present the humble Address of this House to his Excellency. And being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Reported that having with Council attended his Excellency and presented to him the humble Address of this House, his Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, and the same being read

Ordered, that the said humble Address and his Excellency's Answer thereto be entered in the Minutes of this House which are as follow.

To his Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble Address of the Council for the Province of New York

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council for the Province of New York, return our Thanks to your Excellency for your Speech, and beg leave to offer you our unfeigned congratulations on your safe arrival, and accession to this Government.

We shall always esteem it our Duty to pay a serious Regard to whatever your Excellency shall be pleased to recommend to us, for His Majesty's Service, and the Improvement and advantage of this Colony, of which its commerce is one of the main objects, and as the generous extention of it, will be a lasting Source of Wealth, so it will be the principal, if not the only Means of rendering it eminently useful to the Mother Country.

We have little doubt of carrying on the business of the Sessions in conjunction with the other Branches of the Legislature, with a zeal not unbecoming our Stations, and with a unanimity inseparable from the Good of the Colony. These we are sensible are momentous Objects, and should be ever before us. We gratefully acknowledge, and feel the paternal Protection extended by our Most Gracious Sovereign over his American Subjects: And whatever unfavourable planet may for a time have shed its influence over the public Measures of this Colony, we still hope, under the Administration of a Gentleman of your Excellency's known and approv'd good Qualities and experience, to shew ourselves deserving of that Protection, and soon to see the Colony restored to the happy state it enjoy'd under the mild and unblemish'd Government of your worthy Predecessor General Monckton.

By order of the Council
Danl Horsmanden Speaker.

Council Chamber New York
22d Novr 1765.

To which His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer

Gentlemen of the Council,

I return you my hearty thanks for your Congratulations in this Address, and for the assurances you have given me, of a due attention to whatever shall be recommended to you for his Majesty's service, And the advantage of this Colony. The powerful Example of Unanimity, in the Legislative Bodies, cannot fail of making favourable Impressions on the Minds of the People, and will of course be productive of Measures, which, at the same time they constitute the publick Tranquility and happiness will carry their own Recommendation to the protection of our most Gracious Sovereign.

Fort George, New York
November 26th, 1765.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Monday the 9th December next at 11 O'Clock in the Morning.

Monday, the Ninth day of December, 1765.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker informed the House that he had received a Message accompanied with the papers therein referred to from his Excellency the Governor by the Deputy Secretary, which Message and papers Mr Speaker laid before the House, and being read, the Message was

Ordered to be entered in the minutes, and is in the words following that is to say.

Gentlemen,

The Expence of furnishing the King's Troops in America with Quarters, Carriages and other Necessaries, being by an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, to be defrayed by the respective Colonies, the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces hath in Consequence thereof, demanded of this Province that Provision which the Act requires, for the Troops at any Time quarter'd within, or marching through it. As you will be best able to judge of the Nature of this Provision by the Law itself, and the General's Letter to me, I have order'd Copies of both, with the Return of the Forces, to be laid before you; and I flatter myself that you will chearfully and readily comply with what is expected of the Colony.

Fort George New York
3d December 1765. H. MOORE.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colle Haasbrouck and Mr Kissam with the Bill Entituled, [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Resolved, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Alderman Livingston and Captain Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to lay a duty of Tonnage on Vessels for defraying the expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Mr Cruger with the Bill entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds for the uses and purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Mr Schenck with the Bill Entituled, [An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and Cutting the Timber on certain Beeches and Islands therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Mr Schenck with the Bill Entituled, [An Act to raise levy and Collect the sum of Nineteen pounds and thirteen Shillings due and in Arrear from the Inhabitant or Inhabitants of Eaton's Neck in Suffolk County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till 4 o'clock in the Afternoon.

Monday, the ninth day of December, 1765. Pt Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
John Watts,
William Walton,
Oliver De Lancey,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds for the uses and purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and Cutting the Timber on certain Beeches and Islands therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of Nineteen pounds and thirteen shillings due and in arrear from the Inhabitant or Inhabitants of Eatons Neck in Suffolk County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council Adjourned till to morrow Morning 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, the tenth day of December, 1765.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
Earl of STIRLING,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs,

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes, imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds for the uses and purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and Cutting the Timber on certain Beeches and Islands therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of Nineteen pounds and thirteen shillings, due and in arrear from the Inhabitant or Inhabitants of Eaton's Neck in Suffolk County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to, and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 12 o'Clock.

Wednesday, the eleventh day of December, 1765.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Charles Ward Apthorpe,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris, Esqrs.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Colonel Hasbrouck with the Bill entituled, [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Douw and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill entituled [An Act for vesting the Property of the Stone Wall on the north side of the City of Albany in the Corporation of the said City for the use therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, the eleventh day of December, 1765. Pt Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Earl of Stirling,
Charles Ward Apthorpe,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris, Esqrs.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for vesting the property of the Stone Wall on the north side of the city of Albany in the Corporation of the said City for the use therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned to Friday next at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Friday, the thirteenth day of December, 1765.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
Earl of STIRLING,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for vesting the property of the Stone Wall on the north side of the City of Albany, in the Corporation of the said City for the use therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Hasbrouck and Mr Wisner, with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervizors of Ulster County to raise a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, to repair the County House and Goals, and also for altering and completing the Court House] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Broeck and Coll. Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in that part of the Manor of Renselaerswyck therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wisner and Col. Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair common, publick, and private Highways on the north side of the Highlands in the County of Orange] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Hasbrouck and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better clearing mending and further laying out publick Highroads and others in the County of Ulster] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Colonel Seaman with the Bill Entituled, [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for the better clearing and further laying out Publick Highways in the County of Westchester, with some alterations] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

Council adjourned til 4 o'clock in the Afternoon.

Friday, the thirteenth day of December, 1765. Pt Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
Earl of STIRLING,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervizors of Ulster County to raise a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds to repair the County House and Goals, and also for altering and completing the Court House] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled, [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in that part of the Manor of Renselaerwyck therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled, [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair Common, publick and private Highways on the North side of the Highlands in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered, to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better clearing, mending and further laying out Publick Highroads and others in the County of Ulster] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled An Act for the better clearing, regulating and further laying out publick Highways in the County of Westchester, with some alterations] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Council adjourned til Tuesday next 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, the seventeenth day of December, 1765.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Haring and Col Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Captain Douw, with the Bill Entituled [An Act to restrain the bringing of Writs of Certiorari and Writs of Error for removal of Judgments given before Justices of the Peace within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Haring and Mr Schenck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervizors of Ulster County to raise a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds to repair the County House and Goals, and also for altering and completing the Court House] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the Whole House, in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in that part of the Manor of Renselaerswyck therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out Publick Highways in the County of Westchester, with some alterations] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the same and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council has passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till 4 o'clock in the Afternoon.

Tuesday, the seventeenth day of December, 1765. Post Meridiem.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to restrain the bringing of Writs of Certiorari, and Writs of Error, for removal of Judgments given before Justices of the Peace within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better clearing mending and further laying out publick High Roads and others in the County of Ulster] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, the eighteenth day of December, 1765.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
R^t Hono^ble Earl of STIRLING,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled, [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars from selling without Lycense within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to restrain the bringing of Writs of Certiorari and Writs of Error for removal of Judgments given before Justices of the Peace within this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey, from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the same, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Right Honoble the Earl of Stirling do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his place, reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in repair common publick and private Highways on the North side of the Highlands in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

The Earl of Stirling from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Council adjourned till 4 o'clock in the Afternoon.

Wednesday, the eighteenth day of December, 1765. P^t^ Merid.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble^* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs^,
R^t^ Hono^ble^ Earl of STIRLING,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars from selling without Lycense in this Colony] was read the second time, and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o'clock.

Thursday, the nineteenth day of December, 1765. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble^* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs^,
R^t^ Hono^ble^ Earl of STIRLING,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better clearing amending and further laying out publick High Roads and others in the County of Ulster] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars from selling without Lycense in this Colony] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills, and the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair Common, publick & private Highways on the North side of the Highlands in the County of Orange] without any Amendment.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o'clock.

Friday, the twentieth day of December, 1765. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Col. Livingston with the Bill entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six, to the first day of January One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Seven inclusive] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Douw with the Bill Entituled [An Act to exempt the Vessels belonging to the Kingdom of Ireland from the Duty of Tonnage] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of one hundred and twenty three pounds in the City and County of New York for services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County, and for other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Philip Livingston and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the salaries and services of the several officers of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty five to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty six inclusive and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Philip Livingston and Mr Holland with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prolong the time for covering the Buildings in the City of New York, with Slate or Tile, from the first day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act for regulating the sale of Firewood brought to the City of New York] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned til 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the twentieth day of December, 1765. P^t Merid^m.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty six to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven inclusive] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled, [An Act to exempt the Vessels belonging to the Kingdom of Ireland from the Duty of Tonnage] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled, [An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of one hundred and twenty three pounds in the City and County of New York for services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries and services of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty five to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty six inclusive, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prolong the time for covering the Buildings in the City of New York, with Slate or Tile from the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six to the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating the sale of Firewood brought to the City of New York] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Saturday, the Twenty first day of December, 1765. A. M.

The Council met acording to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
Wm WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven inclusive] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his place, reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of one hundred and twenty three pounds in the City and County of New York, for services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County, and for other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prolong the time for covering the Buildings in the City of New York with Slate or Tile from the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, to the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to annex certain Lands in this Colony to the County of Albany] desiring the concurrence of the council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll° Livingston and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to secure to Creditors, the Benefits intended by the Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Haasbrouck and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing John Hector St John, Johannes De Graaf, Elias Gerbeaux, William Musculus, Peter Clump, Hans Jury Merkwat, Johannes Casparus Rubell, Frederick Shurter, Peter Lombardy, Frederick Shenigh, John Ram and John James Abbot] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Recorder and several other members of the Corporation of the City of New York attending without, and having something to offer to this House, they were called in, and presented to the House a petition of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, setting forth, that the petitioners are by their Charter of Incorporation invested with power to make By-Laws for the publick Good, Trade and Government of the said City; That the petitioners are informed a Bill has lately passed the House of General Assembly, now sitting, Entituled [An Act for regulating the sale of Firewood brought to the City of New York] which is already or will be sent to this House for their concurrence. And therefore humbly praying, that they the petitioners may be favoured with a copy of the said Bill, and indulged with an opportunity of making their objections thereto, should they conceive that the said Bill infringes upon, or abridges the priviledges granted to them by their Charter.

And the Recorder and the members aforesaid being withdrawn, and the said Petition read

Ordered, that the petitioners be at Liberty to take a copy of the said Bill, and to be heard by themselves or Council against the passing of the same.

The Council adjourned till 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Saturday, the twenty first day of December, 1765. P^t Meridiem.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled, [An Act to annex certain Lands in this Colony to the County of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled, [An Act more effectually to secure to Creditors the Benefits intended by the Acts for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled, [An Act for naturalizing John Hector St John, Johannes De Graaf, Elias Gerbeaux, William Musculus, Peter Clump, Hans Jury Merkwat, Johannes Casparus Rubell, Frederick Shurter, Peter Lombardy, Frederick Shenigh, John Ram and John James Abbot] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 10 o'Clock.

Monday, the twenty third day of December, 1765. A. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries and Services of the several officers of the Government, from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty five, to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty six inclusive, and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to secure to Creditors the Benefits intended by the Acts for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for Naturalizing John Hector St John, Johannes De Graaf, Elias Gerbeaux, William Musculus, Peter Clump, Hans Jury Merkwat, Johannes Casparus Rubell, Frederick Shurter, Peter Lombardy, Frederick Shenigh, John Ram and John James Abbot] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.
The Council adjourned till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday, the twenty third day of December, 1765. P^t^ Merid^m^

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble^* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly.
The General Assembly attending accordingly
His Excellency the Governor was pleased to give his Assent to twenty three Bills the Titles whereof are as follow, that is to say

An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act for the payment of the salaries and services of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty five to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty six inclusive, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York.

An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven inclusive.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to lay a duty of Tonnage on Vessels for defraying the expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars from selling without License in this Colony.

An Act to restrain the bringing of Writs of Certiorari and Writs of Error for removal of Judgments given before Justices of the Peace within this Colony.

An Act more effectually to secure to Creditors, the Benefits intended by the Acts for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

An Act to Empower and Enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to prolong the time for covering the Buildings in the City of New York, with Slate or Tile, from the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six to the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight.

An Act to raise, levy and collect the sum of one hundred and twenty three pounds, in the City and County of New York, for services performed by the Coroner of the said City and County and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany.

An Act for vesting the property of the Stone Wall on the North side of the City of Albany in the Corporation of the said City, for the use therein mentioned.

An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in that part of the Manor of Renselaerwyck therein mentioned.

An Act for the better clearing mending and further laying out publick Highroads, and others, in the County of Ulster.

An Act to enable the Supervisors of Ulster County to raise a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, to repair the County House and Goals, and also for altering and compleating the Court House.

An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County.

An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in repair Common, publick, and private Highways on the north side of the Highlands in the County of Orange.

An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for the better clearing, regulating and further laying out publick Highways in the County of Westchester with some alterations.

An Act to raise levy and collect the sum of nineteen pounds and thirteen shillings, due and in arrear from the Inhabitant or Inhabitants of Eatons Neck in Suffolk County.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and cutting the Timber on certain Beeches and Islands therein mentioned.

An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to raise a Fund for defraying damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond.

An Act for naturalizing John Hector S[t] John, Johannis De Graaf, Elias Gerbeaux, William Musculus, Peter Clump, Hans Jury Merkwat, Johannes Casparus Rubell, Frederick Shurter, Peter Lombardy, Frederick Shenigh, John Ram and John James Abbot.

After which the said twenty three Acts were published in the usual manner, and his Excellency the Governor, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber, and to adjourn the House until Tuesday the fourth day of March next.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

His Excellency the Governor having been pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to adjourn that House until Tuesday the fourth day of March next,

The Council therefore adjourned until Tuesday the said fourth day of March next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIII., 165.]

By his Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *fourth* day of *March* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council hereby prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday*

the *twenty fifth* day of *March* Instant of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *March* 1766 in the *sixth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR, *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 2.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Tuesday* the *twenty fifth* day of *March* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly, to *Tuesday* the *twenty second* day of *April* next ensuing. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty second* day of *March* 1766 in the *sixth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 5.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *twenty second* day of *April* Instant. I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly to

Tuesday the *Sixth* day of *May* next ensuing. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *nineteenth* day of *April* 1766 in the *sixth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 6.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Sir HENRY MOORE, Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *sixth* day of *May* next. I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twentieth* day of *May* next ensuing. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirtieth* day of *April* 1766, in the *sixth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God, of Great Britain France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D. Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 9.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Tuesday* the *twentieth* day of *May* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday*

the *third* day of *June* next ensuing. Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *seventeenth* day of *May* 1766, in the sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *Sêcry*.

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 11.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province (L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *third* day of *June* next ensuing, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly, to *Wednesday* the *eleventh* day of *June* next, then to meet to proceed upon Business: Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty eighth* day of *May* 1766, in the sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H · MOORE.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *Sêcry*.

God save the KING.

TWENTY-NINTH ASSEMBLY TENTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Governor, Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York, *on* Wednesday *the* eleventh *day of* June, *in the* sixth year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third, *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

The General Assembly having on the twenty third day of December 1765, by the directions of his Excellency the Governor, been adjourned to the fourth day of March 1766; His Excellency was pleased by sundry proclamations to prorogue them on and to the days following

that is to say, On the first day of March 1766 to the twenty fifth day of the same month. On the twenty second day of March aforesaid to the twenty second day of April following. On the nineteenth day of April to the sixth day of May following. On the thirtieth day of April to the twentieth day of May aforesaid. On the seventeenth day of the same month of May to the third day of June And on the twenty eighth day of May now last past, to this day the eleventh of June 1766. Then to meet to proceed on Business.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT— *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday, the twelfth day of June, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

The General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Excellency made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Excellency having left the Council Chamber, and the General Assembly being returned to the Assembly Chamber,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read.

Then his Excellency's Speech was read, and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows:

Gentlemen of the Council & Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The General satisfaction which has been diffused throughout the Colonies, on the late favorable Proceedings of the Parliament of Great Britain, in the Repeal of the Stamp Act; and the Impressions made on the minds of the People, on receiving such distinguishing marks of his Majesty's favor and Protection, have induced me to give you the earliest Opportunity of making those acknowledgments of Duty and Submission, which on such an Occasion must arise in the Breasts of every Individual. The misrepresentations heretofore made by Artful and designing Persons, have had their Effect in imposing on the Weak and Credulous; and false Hopes and fears are now conceived by those, who from their Situation, can only see and hear at a distance, and of Course are easily imposed on; Let it be your concern to undeceive the Deluded, and by the powerful Examples of your own Conduct, bring back to a Sense of their Duty, those who have been misled; that nothing which can carry with it the least resemblance of former Heat and Prejudice, may be suffer'd to prevail, and the minds of those who are too easily agitated, be again disposed to a chearful Obedience to the Laws, and to sentiments of respectful gratitude to the Mother Country.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I must at this time recommend to your particular Attention, the Case of those unfortunate Persons, who from the Licenciousness of the Populace, have suffer'd for their deference to the Acts of the British Legislature: I flatter myself that they who sue to this House for Justice will never sue in vain; and that it will be no ungrateful Task for this Province to take the lead on such an Occasion, and by making a full and ample compensation to the sufferers for their Goods and Effects destroyed, shew to the neighbouring Provinces by an Example great as well as just, the sense which is here entertained of the benefits lately received. The Resolutions of the House of Commons have by his Majesty's commands been transmitted to me, in order to be laid before you: These sufficiently shew the sense of that august Assembly on this Point, whose sentiments it should be your Glory to adopt and imitate, as they are so evidently founded on the clearest Principles of Humanity & Justice; This carries its own Recommendation with it, and makes it needless for me to enforce by Arguments a Measure, which at the same time it will do Honor to the Province, will shew yourselves not unworthy of that Royal Condescension and Protection, which have been manifested on the late interesting occasion.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I have nothing more in particular to lay before you at this Juncture, and shall be extremely happy to shew my ready concurrence with you, in promoting every measure which can tend to the Service of His Majesty, and the wellfare of the People.

New York 12th June 1766. H: MOORE.

Ordered, that his Excellency's speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Morris then moved that an humble Address might be presented by this House to his Excellency in Answer to his Speech.

Which motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by this House to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe, Mr Reade and Mr Morris be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they lay the same before this House on Saturday next.

The Council adjourned till Saturday Morning 11 o'clock.

Saturday, the fourteenth day of June, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented by this House to his Excellency in answer to his Speech, Reported that the Committee had prepared the Draft of an Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being agreed to, was

Ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address to his Excellency in behalf of this House, who having signed the same accordingly

Ordered, that Mr Watts and Mr Apthorpe do wait on his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned, reported that they had delivered the said Message to his Excellency, and that he was pleased to appoint Monday next at 11 o'clock, when he would receive the Council's Address at the Council Chamber in Fort George.

The Council adjourn'd till Monday morning 11 o'clock.

Monday, the sixteenth day of June, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and with

The Council went to Fort George to present the Humble Address of this House to his Excellency: and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and Reported that having with the Council attended his Excellency, and presented to him the humble Address of this House, his Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which he delivered in at the table, and the same being read

Ordered, that the said Humble Address and his Excellency's Answer thereto be entered in the Minutes of this House which are as follow

To his Excellency Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Excellency.

The Council, impressed with the warmest Sentiments of Duty and Gratitude to his Majesty, for the late most distinguishing Mark of Royal Favour and Protection, and fill'd with the highest sense of the great Wisdom, Justice and Moderation manifested in the Proceedings of that August Body the British Parliament; return your Excellency their unfeigned thanks for this early Communication of an Event, so ardently hop'd for, and so highly satisfactory to these Colonies.

To undeceive the deluded, and to bring back to a sense of their Duty, the Misguided and Prejudiced, have been the fixd objects of our Attention; sensible that where Submission to the Laws is wanting, Anarchy and Confusion must ensue; Evils the most to be dreaded, as they are the most pernicious to Society. And you may be assured Sir, that nothing shall be wanting on our Part, to inculcate in the minds of the People a thorough sense of the Obedience they owe, the Dependence they stand in, and the Benefits they receive from their most gracious Sovereign, and their Guardians, the British Parliament: Confident that the Colonies in general, will by their conduct shew themselves deserving of every mark of Royal Favour and Indulgence.

We shall at all times chearfully and readily concur with your Excellency, in promoting every Measure which can tend to the service of his Majesty, and the happiness and Prosperity of the Colony.

By order of the Council

New York 14th June 1766. DAN^L HORSMANDEN Speaker.

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer.

Gentlemen,

I return you my thanks for this Address, as the Sentiments you express therein, must so manifestly tend to the Establishment of the Happiness and Prosperity of your Country.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Friday next 11 o'Clock in the Morning.

Friday, the twentieth day of June, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Hasbrouck & Mr Henry Livingston, acquainting the Council that the House have appointed Mr Justice Livingston, Mr Cruger, Mr Philip Livingston, Major Lispenard, Mr Bayard and Colonel Seaman a Committee to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Majesty, to express the grateful acknowledgements of this Colony for the recent Instance of his tender concern for the Rights and Liberties of his American Subjects in the repeal of the late Stamp Act; and to assure him that this singular Instance of his paternal Regard, cannot fail of adding new ardor to their Zeal and Affection, for his sacred person and Government; and that the General Assembly desire the Council to appoint a Committee of their House to meet and join the Committee of the General Assembly, at such time and place as shall be most convenient for them.

Ordered, that Mr Watts, Mr Delancey & Mr Morris be and they are hereby appointed a Committee of this House to meet and join the Committee appointed by the General Assembly to prepare the Draft of the said humble petition to his Majesty, and that the joint Committee do meet for that purpose to Morrow at 12 o'Clock in the City Hall.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have appointed Mr Watts, Mr Delancey & Mr Morris a Committee to meet and join the Committee of the General Assembly to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Majesty on the subject Matter signifyed in their Message to this House of this day.

The Council adjourned till Monday 3 o'Clock P. M.

Monday, the twenty third day of June, 1766. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DELANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Watts reported that the joint Committee of the Council and the General Assembly appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Majesty, had met and prepared a Draft thereof, which he read, and then delivered the same in at the table, where the said Draft was again read, and was

On the Question being put agreed to and approved of.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Boerum acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have approved of the Draft of an humble Address to his Majesty prepared by the Joint Committees, and desire the Address may be engrossed accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Delancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council hath approved of the Draft of an humble Address to his Majesty prepared by the joint Committees, and have appointed Mr Watts and Mr Walton to wait on his Excellency the Governor with the Draft of the said Address at 6 o'Clock this evening, to desire he will be pleased to join them—And further that this House desires the General Assembly to appoint some of the Members of their House to wait on his Excellency at the same time for the like purpose.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Henry Livingston and Mr Schenck acquainting this House that the General Assembly hath appointed Mr Cruger, Mr Philip Livingston, Mr Ten Eyck, and Mr Dow to join the Committee appointed by this House, to wait on his Excellency the Governor, with the draft of the humble Address to his Majesty at 6 o'Clock this evening.

Mr Watts and Mr Walton reported that having with the Gentlemen appointed by the General Assembly, waited on his Excellency the Governor with Draft of the humble Address to his Majesty prepared by the joint Committee of the two Houses, and desired his Excellency would be pleased to join in the said Address, his Excellency declared he approved of the Draft of the Address and would readily join therein.

Ordered, that the Draft be alter'd by adding thereto the stile of his Excellency the Governor, which being altered accordingly

Ordered, that two copies of the said Address be engrossed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o'Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty fourth day of June, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Copies of the humble Address to his Majesty were read.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Humble Address in Behalf of this House, and the Speaker having signed the same accordingly,

Ordered, that Mr Reade do carry to the General Assembly the engrossed Copies of the humble Address to his Majesty; and acquaint the General Assembly that when that House shall have signed the same, the Council desire the General Assembly to meet the Council in the City Hall, in order that both Houses may attend his Excellency to desire his Excellency will be pleased to sign the said Address, and when signed by his Excellency, that he will be pleased to transmit the same to his Majesty's Ministers in order to be laid before his Majesty.

Mr Delancey moved that a Bill which he held in his hand, might be read, Entituled [An Act to make it Felony without Benefit of Clergy to counterfeit the Money Bills of any Neighbouring Colony which pass in payment here] and leave being given accordingly,

The said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Wednesday, the twenty fifth day of June, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker reported, that the Council and General Assembly had attended his Excellency the Governor, and presented to his Excellency in order to be signed by him the humble Address of the Governor, Council, and General Assembly to his Majesty which his Excellency had signed; and being requested by both Houses to transmit the said humble Address to his Majesty's Ministers, in order to be laid before his Majesty His Excellency was pleased to declare he would transmit the same accordingly.

Ordered, that the said humble Address be entered in the minutes of this House which is as follows.

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble and Dutiful Address of the Governor, Council and General Assembly of the Colony of New York.

Most gracious Sovereign,

Your Majesty's faithful Subjects the Governor, Council and General Assembly of your Colony of New York, ever anxious to give the highest demonstrations of their Loyalty and affection to their gracious Sovereign, Beg leave to approach the Throne, and with the greatest Humility to express those sentiments of Gratitude, excited in all your American Subjects by the late and distinguishing mark of Royal Tenderness and Clemency, so conspicuous in your Majesty's Assent to the Repeal of a Law, replete with consequences the most distressing to the Inhabitants of these your Colonies.

With Joy undisembled, we reflect on an Event, so happily tending to dispel every Jealousy between your Majesty's British and American Subjects; to revive their Commercial Intercourse; to confirm their wonted Confidence; and to strengthen that Union, which must continue indissoluble while supported by an equal Distribution of Rights; a just Dependence upon, and a due subordination of the Colonies to the Mother Country.

Permit us Most Gracious Sovereign, while we exult in your paternal Protection, to testify at the same time our Veneration and Gratitude to your Majesty's Parliament; and to offer those dutiful Acknowledgements, which the Wisdom, Justice and Moderation of that August Body, display'd on this interesting and memorable occasion, so justly demand.

Could any thing augment our Zeal for your Majesty's Person and Family, it must be this recent and affecting Proof of the Royal Beneficence. Animated with a lively sense of Duty to the best of Kings, We shall use our utmost Influence to support and strengthen your Majesty's Government, and set an example to the people, of an unremitted Exertion in the Defence of your Sacred person, and in the maintenance of the Protestant Succession ; most ardently wishing there never may be wanting a Prince of your Majesty's illustrious Line to reign over your extensive Dominions.

New York 24th June 1766. H: MOORE.

By order of the Council,
Dan: Horsmanden Speaker.
By order of the General Assembly.,
William Nicoll Speaker.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to make it Felony without Benefit of Clergy to Counterfeit the Money Bills of any Neighbouring Colony which pass in payment here] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Thomas with the Bill Entituled [An Act ascertaining what shall be Grand Larceny and what Petit Larceny in the Colony of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing Rudolphus Ritzema, William La Croix, Philip Venus, Isaac Rysdick, Michael Pottz, Daniel Cookenheim, Alexander Diarce, and Charles De Freidenburgh] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday, the twenty sixth day of June, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Douw with the Bill Entituled [An Act to furnish the Barracks in the Cities of New York and Albany, with Firewood and Candles, and the other necessaries therein mentioned for his Majesty's Forces] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Then the said Bill was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act Ascertaining what shall be Grand Larceny and what Petit Larceny in the Colony of New York] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled, [An Act for naturalizing Rudolphus Ritzema, William La Croix, Philip Venus, Isaac Rysdyck, Michael Pottz, Daniel Cookenheim, Alexander Diarce and Charles De Freidenbergh] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to make it Felony without Benefit of Clergy, to counterfeit the Money Bills of any Neighbouring Colony which pass in payment here] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, altered the Title, and made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and being agreed to

Ordered, that the Bill as amended be engrossed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow 6 o'clock P. M.

Friday, the twenty seventh day of June, 1766. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled [An Act to make it Felony without Benefit of Clergy to Counterfeit the Bills of Credit, of any of his Majesty's Colonies which pass in payment in the Colony of New York] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly, and acquaint them that the Council have passed the said Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing Rudolphus Ritzema, William La Croix, Philip Venus, Isaac Rysdick, Michael Pottz, Daniel Cookenheim, Alexander Diarce and Charles De Freidenburgh] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to furnish the Barracks in the Cities of New York and Albany, with Firewood and Candles, and the other necessaries therein mentioned for his Majesty's Forces] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act for erecting certain Lands lying on the west side of Connecticut River within this Colony into a seperate County, to be called by the name of the County of Cumberland, and for enabling the Freeholders and Inhabitants thereof to erect and build a Court House and Goal in the said County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Major Lispenard and Mr Holland with the Bill Entituled [An Act to lay a Duty on certain Goods, Wares and Merchandizes sold at publick Vendue Auction or Outcry in the Cities and Counties of New York and Albany] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o Clock.

Saturday, the twenty eighth day of June, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act ascertaining what shall be Grand Larceny and what Petit Larceny in the Colony of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for erecting certain Lands lying on the west side of Connecticut River within this Colony into a seperate County, to be called by the name of the County of Cumberland, and for enabling the Freeholders and Inhabitants thereof to erect and build a Court House and Goal in the said County] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to lay a Duty on certain Goods, Wares and Merchandizes sold at publick Vendue, Auction or Outcry in the Cities and Counties of New York and Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Mr Douw with the Engrossed Bill passed by this House Entituled [An Act to make it Felony without Benefit of Clergy, to counterfeit the Bills of Credit of any of his Majesty's Colonies, which pass in payment in the Colony of New York] acquainting this House that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till Monday next 4 O'Clock P. M.

Monday, the thirtieth day of June, 1766. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
John Watts,
William Walton,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to lay a Duty on certain Goods, Wares and Merchandizes sold at Public Vendue, Auction or Outcry in the Cities and Counties of New York and Albany] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Tuesday, the first day of July, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Wednesday, the second day of July, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday, the third day of July, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same; being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency the Governor was pleased in presence of the Council and General Assembly, to give his Assent to four Bills, the Titles whereof are as follow

An Act to make it Felony without Benefit of Clergy, to counterfeit the Bills of Credit of any of his Majesty's Colonies, which pass in payment in the Colony of New York.

An Act to furnish the Barracks in the Cities of New York and Albany, with Firewood and Candles, and the other Necessaries therein mentioned for his Majesty's Forces.

An Act for erecting certain Lands lying on the West side of Connecticut River within this Colony, into a separate County, to be called by the name of the County of Cumberland, and for enabling the Freeholders & Inhabitants thereof to erect and build a Court House and Goal in the said County.

An Act for Naturalizing Rudolphus Ritzema, William La Croix, Philip Venus, Isaac Rysdick, Michael Pottz, Daniel Cookenheim, Alexander Diarce and Charles De Freidenburgh.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner and his Excellency the Governor, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber His Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to Tuesday the seventh day of October next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS, XCIV., 53.]

By His Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the
(L. S.) Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *fourteenth* day of *October* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly, to *Thursday* the *sixth* day of *November* now next ensuing then to meet to proceed upon Business Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirteenth* day of *October* 1766 in the *sixth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 58.]

By his Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Monday* the *tenth* day of *November* Instant: Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixth* day of *November* 1766, in the *seventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY-NINTH ASSEMBLY ELEVENTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Governor Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York, *on* Monday *the tenth day of* November *in the* Seventh year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third, *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain, France *and* Ireland King, Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

The General Assembly having on the third day of July last been prorogued to the seventh day of October following his Excellency the Governor was afterwards by sundry Proclamations, pleased to prorogue the said General Assembly on and to the Days following, that is to say; on the twenty seventh day of September last, to the fourteenth day of the said Month of October; on the thirteenth day of October to the sixth day of November; and on the sixth day of November to this day, the tenth of November 1766.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

The General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Excellency made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Excellency then left the Council Chamber, and the General Assembly being returned to the Assembly Chamber,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read.

Then his Excellency's Speech was read, and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The meeting of the General Assembly has been delayed beyond the usual time, as I was in daily Expectation of receiving his Majesty's Commands, in regard to an humble Representation made of the Distress in which this Colony would shortly be involved, through the want of a sufficient Paper Currency: And it is with the greatest satisfaction, that I can open this Session with a fresh Instance of his Majesty's paternal Regard and Protection, extended to this Province, who has been graciously pleased, under certain Restrictions, to revoke that Instruction, by which the Commander in Chief here, was precluded from giving his Assent to any Act which should be framed for striking Bills of Credit, and issuing the same in Lieu of Money. The Royal attention so constantly paid to the Sufferings of the People, and the late Examples given of it, are such signal Instances of his Majesty's Condescension and Tenderness for their Interests, as cannot fail of exciting the warmest sentiments of Gratitude in the minds of every Subject, and be productive of the highest Returns of Duty and Submission.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The great Expence in which this Colony has been engaged for some time past, and the Difficulties which still subsist in regard to Limits between this and the Neighbouring Provinces of Massachusets and the Jerseys, have engaged me to ascertain as soon as possible, the Line which his Majesty has been pleased to fix, by his Royal Proclamation, for the Boundary between this Province and Quebec. And after the necessary supplies of Government are raised, I must recommend it to the General Assembly to make Provision for the farther opening and continuing this Line, in which I flatter myself that the Province of Quebec, equally interested in it, will readily contribute, as a Mutual Benefit will be derived from it. I must at the same time earnestly request that proper measures may be taken to settle the Boundaries between the different Counties in this Province, and fix them by Authority. The want of a due attention

to so necessary a Service, has already given rise to many Inconveniencies, and the continual Scenes of Litigation and Disorder, occasioned by vague and undetermined Limits, call for Redress in the strongest terms.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

I shall during the Course of your Session, take Opportunities of laying before you some matters which have occurr'd to me during the late Tour I made; and recommending to your consideration whatever may be conducive to the publick service; as I am fully persuaded that the Legislative Bodies will chearfully co-operate with me in whatever can be proposed for his Majesty's Service, and the good of their Country.

New York 10th November 1766. H: MOORE.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Smith then moved that an humble Address might be presented to his Excellency by this House in answer to his Speech.

Which motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by this House to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Smith, Mr Walton and Mr Morris be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they lay the same before this House with all convenient speed.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday morning 11 o'Clock.

Wednesday, the twelfth day of November, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
Charles W. Apthorpe,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented by this House to his Excellency in answer to his Speech reported that the Committee had prepared the Draft of an humble Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read and being agreed to, was

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Council adjourned till Friday morning 10 o clock.

Friday, the fourteenth day of November, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
John Watts,
William Walton,
Charles W. Apthorpe,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address to his Excellency in behalf of this House,

Who having signed the same accordingly

Ordered, that Mr Reade and Mr Morris do wait on his Excellency and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned reported that they had delivered the said Message to his Excellency, and that he was pleased to say he would receive the Council's Address immediately in the Council Chamber at Fort George.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with

The Council went to Fort George to present the humble Address of this House to his Excellency, and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the Council attended his Excellency and presented to him the humble Address of this House, his Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, and the same being read

Ordered, that the said Address and his Excellency's Answer thereto, be entered in the Minutes of this House which are as follow

To his Excellency Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects the Council for this Province return your Excellency our hearty thanks for your Speech at the opening of this Session, and for the Communication of his Majesty's gracious Intentions towards the People of this Colony, in altering the Instruction relative to the Emission of a Paper Currency.

Sensible of the great Importance of having the Limits of the Province well established, we have great satisfaction in the early measures that your Excellency has taken to ascertain the Line, which his Majesty has been pleased, by his Royal Proclamation, to fix as the Boundary between this Colony and Quebec; and hope your Excellency's Recommendation to provide for the further opening and continuing that Line, will have the desired effect.

We are also sensible of the necessity of a settlement of the Boundaries between some of the Counties; the want of which hath already given rise to Litigation and Disorder; which must continue till proper measures are taken to adjust the same.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency, that we shall be ready on all occasions, to assist in every measure that may be conducive to his Majesty's service, and the good of this Colony.

By order of the Council

Council Chamber New York
14th November 1766.

DAN HORSMANDEN Speaker.

To which His EXCELLENCY was pleased to return the following Answer.

Gentlemen of the Council,

I return you my hearty Thanks for this Address, and shall always look upon it as my Duty to promote as far as lays in my Power, whatever may be of advantage to the Interests of this Country.

Fort George 14th November 1766.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday the twenty fifth day of November Instant at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the twenty fifth day of November, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Lispenard and Col Haasbrouck with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Livingston and Mr Schenck with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessells for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Philip Livingston with the Bill Entituled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till To Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the twenty sixth day of November, 1766.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
William Walton,
Oliver De Lancey,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Col Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight inclusive] desiring the concurrence of the council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bruyn and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act for building a Bridge over the Roundout Creek or River at or near Rosendal in the County of Ulster] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till 11 o clock to morrow morning.

Thursday the twenty seventh day of November, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esqrs,
Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight inclusive] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for building a Bridge over the Roundout Creek or River, at or near Rosendall, in the County of Ulster] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessels for defraying the expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds, for the uses therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o clock.

Friday, the twenty eighth day of November, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON, Esqrs,
The Earl of STIRLING.
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight inclusive] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled, [An Act for building a Bridge over the Roundout Creek or River, at or near Rosendal in the County of Ulster] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Earl of Stirling do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any amendment.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the twenty ninth day of November, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq^rs,
The Earl of STIRLING.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Justice Livingston and Mr Bayard with the Bill entituled, [An Act for confirming ancient Titles and Possessions] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Haasbrouck and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act for extinguishing Fires in the Woods in the Counties of Albany, Ulster and Orange] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Douw and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entituled, [An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany, in General Sessions to appoint Commissioners to lay out new Roads or Highways in the said County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the second day of December, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled, [An Act for extinguishing Fires in the Woods in the Counties of Albany, Ulster and Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany, in General Sessions, to appoint Commissioners to lay out new Roads or Highways in the said County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Thursday morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the fourth day of December, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Major Lispenard and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled [An Act for the regulation of Servants] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Haring and Col Haasbrouck with the Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill entituled [An Act for extinguishing Fires in the Woods in the Counties of Albany Ulster and Orange] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment being read and agreed to, the Amendment was

Ordered to be engrossed, and being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill as amended be read the third time.

Then the said Bill as amended was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do carry back the said Bill with the Amendment made thereto by this House, to the General Assembly, and acquaint them that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of that House.

The Bill entituled [An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany, in General Sessions, to appoint Commissioners to lay out new Roads or Highways in the said County] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act for confirming ancient Titles and Possessions] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Saturday morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the sixth day of December, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Douw and Mr Bruyn with the Bill entituled [An Act for extinguishing Fires in the Woods in the Counties of Albany Ulster and Orange]

with the Amendment made thereto by the Council, acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendment, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended, by adding the following clause in Page two, after the thirteenth Line, and before the last clause in the Bill, that is to say "And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every Fireman so elected, that shall neglect or refuse to do the Duty required by this Act shall for every Default or neglect forfeit and pay the sum of two pounds to be recovered in the manner as aforesaid, and applyed one half to the use of the Informer and the other half to the use of the County.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the regulation of Servants] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the ninth day of December, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Justice Livingston and Mr Bayard with the Bill entituled [An Act to declare the extension of several Acts of Parliament made since the Establishment of a Legislation in this Colony] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Philip Livingston with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds by the adulteration of Pot Ash and Pearl Ash] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bruyn and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled, [An Act to enable the Commissioners of the Highways for the Precinct of Goshen, to build and keep in repair a Bridge across the Wall Kill, at the outlet of the Drowned Land] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Schenck and Col Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Hawkers and Pedlars from selling in this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the regulation of Servants] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till Thursday Morning 10 o clock.

Thursday, the eleventh day of December, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Lispenard with the Bill entituled [An Act to pay the several persons therein mentioned for the Losses they sustained on the first of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty five and the sixth of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty six] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act for erecting certain Lands lying on the west side of Connecticut River within this Colony, into a seperate County, and for enabling the Freeholders and Inhabitants thereof to erect a Court House and Goal in the said County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled, [An Act to declare the extension of several Acts of Parliament made since the Establishment of a Legislation in this Colony] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled, [An Act to prevent Frauds by the Adulteration of Pot Ash and Pearl Ash] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled, [An Act to enable the Commissioners of the Highways for the Precinct of Goshen, to build and keep in repair a Bridge across the Wall Kill at the Outlet of the Drowned Lands] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled, [An Act to prevent Hawkers and Pedlars from selling in this Colony] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the twelfth day of December, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Holland with the Bill entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, for the time being, or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, by a Tax on Estates real and personal in the said City, for the purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Kissam with the Bill entituled, [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland to choose and elect six Constables for the said County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Haasbrouck and Mr Cruger with the Bill entituled [An Act authorizing and impowering Abraham Lott to have recourse to and take out of the Secretary's Office of this Colony such ancient Records as are wrote in the Dutch Language] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to pay the several Persons therein mentioned for the Losses they sustained on the first of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty five, and the sixth of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty six] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds by the adulteration of Pot Ash and Pearl Ash] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Commissioners of the Highways for the Precinct of Goshen to build and keep in repair a Bridge across the Wall Kill at the Outlet of the Drowned Land] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled, [An Act to prevent Hawkers and Pedlars from selling in this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the thirteenth day of December, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

William Smith,
John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for erecting certain Lands lying on the west side of Connecticut River within this Colony into a separate County, and for enabling the Freeholders and Inhabitants thereof to erect a Court House and Goal in the said County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to impower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, for the time being or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds by a Tax on Estates real and personal in the said City for the purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland to chuse and elect six Constables for the said County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act authorizing and impowering Abraham Lott to have recourse to and take out of the Secretary's Office of this Colony, such ancient Records as are wrote in the Dutch Language] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Bayard with the Bill entituled [An Act for paying the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty six to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven inclusive, and other services therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in repair common and publick Highways in the County of Cumberland] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Monday morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the fifteenth day of December, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for paying the Salaries and Services of the several officers of Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven inclusive, and other services therein mentioned] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to empower and enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, for the time being, or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, by a Tax on Estates real and personal in the said City, for the purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the Whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland to choose and elect six Constables for the said County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two Bills last mentioned without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act for laying out, regulating and keeping in repair common and publick Highways in the County of Cumberland] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the sixteenth day of December, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Major Lispenard and Mr Bayard with the Bill entituled [An Act to continue the several Acts therein mentioned, respecting the relief of Insolvent Debtors] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Haasbrouck and Mr Holland with the Bill entituled [An Act for Naturalizing John Plantin, John Clear, William Russel, John Styers, Lawrence Schuler, Nicholas Timmerman and Simon Shurger] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for paying the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven inclusive, and other services therein mentioned] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in repair, common and publick Highways in the County of Cumberland] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the seventeenth day of December, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORP,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue the several Acts therein mentioned, respecting the relief of Insolvent Debtors] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein.

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to, and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for naturalizing John Plantin, John Clear, William Russel John Styers, Lawrence Schuler, Nicholas Timmerman and Simon Shurger] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled, [An Act to pay the several persons therein mentioned, for the Losses they sustained on the first of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty five, and the sixth of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty six] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock P. M.

Wednesday the seventeenth day of December, 1776. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue the several Acts therein mentioned, respecting the relief of Insolvent Debtors] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act for naturalizing John Plantin, John Clear, William Russel, John Styers, Lawrence Shuler, Nicholas Timmerman and Simon Shurger] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills, and the Bill entituled [An Act to pay the several persons therein mentioned, for the Losses they sustained on the first of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty five, and the sixth of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty six] without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till Friday morning 11 o'clock to meet at the House of Mathias Earnest in the Outward of the City of New York.

Friday, the nineteenth day of December, 1766.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same, being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency the Governor in presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his assent to twenty Bills the Titles whereof are as follow. That is to say

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act for paying the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government, from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven inclusive, and other services therein mentioned.

An Act to pay the several persons therein mentioned for the Losses they sustained on the first of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty five, and the sixth of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York.

An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight inclusive.

An Act for the Regulation of Servants.

An Act to prevent Frauds by the Adulteration of Pot Ash and Pearl Ash.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessels, for defraying the expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook.

An Act to prevent Hawkers and Pedlars from selling in this Colony.

An Act to continue the several Acts therein mentioned, respecting the relief of insolvent Debtors.

An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds for the uses therein mentioned.

An Act to impower and enable the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being, or the Major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, by a Tax on Estates real and personal, in the said City for the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for extinguishing Fires in the Woods in the Counties of Albany, Ulster and Orange.

An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace in the County of Albany, in General Sessions to appoint Commissioners to lay out new Roads or Highways in the said County.

An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County.

An Act for building a Bridge over the Roundout Creek or River at or near Rosendal in the County of Ulster.

An Act to enable the Commissioners of the Highways for the Precinct of Goshen, to build and keep in repair a Bridge across the Wall Kill at the outlet of the Drowned Land.

An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in Repair, common and publick Highways in the County of Cumberland.

An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland, to chuse and elect Six Constables for the said County.

An Act for naturalizing John Plantin, John Clear, William Russel, John Styers, Lawrence Schuler, Nicholas Timmerman and Simon Shurger.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner, and his Excellency the Governor, the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber,

His Excellency was pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly to Tuesday the tenth day of March next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 91.]

By his Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province (L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* the *tenth* day of *March* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Thursday* the *sixteenth* day of *April* next ensuing. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *ninth* day of *March* 1767 in the *seventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 98.]

By his Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province (L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Thursday* the *sixteenth* day of *April* Instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fifth* day of *May* next ensuing. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York*, the *ninth* day of *April* 1767 in the seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain France, and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 105.]

By His Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* this *fifth* day of *May* I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue And I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty sixth* day of *May* Instant, then to meet to proceed upon Business. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fifth* day of *May* 1767 in the *seventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 107.]

By his Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Tuesday* this *twenty sixth* day of *May* then to meet to proceed upon Business I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, And I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Wednesday* the *twenty seventh* day of *May* Instant, then to meet to proceed upon Business. Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and to Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty sixth* day of *May* 1767 in the *seventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE,

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

TWENTY NINTH ASSEMBLY TWELFTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Governor, Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Wednesday *the* twenty seventh *day of* May, *in the* Seventh year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth: and in the* year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven.

The General Assembly of the said Province, having on the nineteenth day of December now last past, been prorogued to Tuesday the tenth day of March then next following; His Excellency the Governor was afterwards, by sundry Proclamations, pleased to Prorogue the said General Assembly, on and to the days following, that is to say. On the ninth day of March now last past to the sixteenth day of April following. On the ninth day of the said month of April to the fifth day of May instant. On the fifth day of May Instant to the twenty sixth day of the same month. And on the day last mentioned to this day.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly at the Council Chamber at the City Hall.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Excellency then left the Council Chamber, and the General Assembly being returned to the Assembly Chamber,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read.

Then his Excellency's Speech was read, and

Ordered, to be entered in the Minutes and is as followeth

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The Difficulties under which this Province has laboured, in respect to its Eastern Boundaries, and the Differences in which it has been engaged, in consequence thereof, with the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, having been laid before the King, I am directed by his Majestys principal Secretary of State to recommend to you, that a speedy and amicable adjustment of these Disputes may take place, and the most effectual Method pursued for settling every Difference, relative to the Boundaries of the respective Colonies, by Commissaries appointed from each of them for that purpose.

In a Concern of so publick a Nature, I flatter myself that nothing will be neglected by you, which can tend to the bringing this affair to a happy conclusion; and that you will proceed without delay to the Nomination of Commissaries on the part of this Government whose knowledge and abilities may recommend them as proper arbitrators in a case of such Importance, and whose Moderation may give them such weight among those appointed to act with them, that from their Example no means may be left untryed for surmounting any Difficulties which may occasionally arise.

The Preservation of the publick Tranquility, and the Protection of private Property, are so far the objects of this Negotiation, as to demand your most serious attention; a generous manner of acting, together with proper concessions made on both sides, cannot fail of obtaining the desired success on this occasion, and rendering your Endeavours highly acceptable to both Provinces, as all cause of future Dissention between them may thereby be effectually removed.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

As the Act for providing Fuel, Barracks &c for his Majesty's Troops now quartered in this City, will expire in a few days, I am now to recommend a farther Provision for them, and on

the Plan prescribed by the Act of Parliament. I am fully persuaded that on a due consideration, the Impropriety of the Limitations in the Act of Assembly pass'd last year will sufficiently appear; and that this House will with chearfulness provide for the Troops in the manner now expected from them, nor suffer either an ill-timed Parsimony or injudicious Restriction, to cast such a Reflection on their Proceedings, as can any way be construed to represent them as undeserving the Favours they have received from the Crown.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The inconveniences which must attend a long Session at this Season of the year, will naturally induce you to proceed to Business with Despatch, and I shall be happy in having an opportunity of shewing my Readiness to join with you in whatever can promote his Majesty's service, or contribute to the good of the Province.

New York 27th May 1777 H: MOORE.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be printed.

Mr Reade then moved that an humble Address might be presented to his Excellency by this House in answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by this House to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Watts, Mr De Lancey and Mr Reade be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they lay the same before the House to morrow morning.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Thursday, the twenty eighth day of May, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
JOSEPH READE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Reade from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented by this House to his Excellency in answer to his Speech reported that the Committee had prepared the Draft of an humble Address accordingly, which he read in his place and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read and being agreed to, was

Ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address to his Excellency in behalf of this House, who having signed the same accordingly

Ordered, that Mr Watts and Mr Reade do wait on his Excellency and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned reported that they had delivered the said Message to his Excellency, and that he was pleased to say he would receive the Councils Address immediately in the Council Chamber in Fort George.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with

The Council went to Fort George to present the humble Address of this House to his Excellency, and being returned,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the Council attended his Excellency and presented to him the humble Address of this House His Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, and the same being read

Ordered, that the said Address and his Excellency's Answer thereto be entered in the minutes of this House, which are as follow

To His Excellency Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Council of the Province of New York, beg leave to return you our hearty Thanks for your Speech.

The contested Limits between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusett's Bay, having been productive of Consequences highly prejudicial to the Interests of both, call loudly for a Speedy and amicable adjustment. We cannot therefore but express the warmest acknowledgements of your Excellency's attention to so desirable an Object; sensible of its great Importance to the Preservation of the publick Tranquility, and the protection of private Property, nothing will be wanting on our part, that can tend to bring to a happy conclusion, a Controversy so long subsisting. And we ardently hope that by the Wisdom and Moderation of both Governments, this Affair will be so conducted, as that all cause of future Dissention between them, may thereby be effectually removed.

In this as in every other matter requiring our Consideration, we shall proceed with due Dispatch, and chearfully concur with your Excellency in whatever can promote his Majesty's Service, and the prosperity of the Province.

By Order of the Council

New York 28th May 1767. DAN^L HORSMANDEN, Speaker.

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen of the Council

I return you my hearty Thanks for this Address, and receive with the greatest satisfaction your Assurances of concurring chearfully with me in promoting his Majesty's Service, and the Prosperity of the Province.

Fort George May 29th 1767.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Friday the fifth day of June 1767.

Friday, the fifth day of June, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Philip Livingston and Colonel Philipse with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned, relating to absconding and fraudulent debtors] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Livingston and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled [An Act granting unto his Majesty the Sum of three thousand pounds for furnishing Necessaries for the Troops Quartered within this Colony, and for paying Captain Philip Martin the Losses he sustained in the house of Major James on the first of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty five] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Philip Livingston and Mr Lispenard with the Bill entituled [An Act to impower Commissaries to setle a Line of Jurisdiction between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay] desireing the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the fifth day of June, 1767. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned, relating to absconding and fraudulent Debtors] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act granting unto his Majesty the sum of three thousand pounds for furnishing Necessaries for the Troops Quartered within this Colony, and for paying Captain Philip Martin the Losses he sustained in the House of Major James on the first of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty five] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled, [An Act to impower Commissaries to settle a Line of Jurisdiction between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets-Bay] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o'clock.

Saturday, the sixth day of June, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled, [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned relating to absconding and fraudulent Debtors] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act granting unto his Majesty the sum of three thousand pounds for furnishing Necessaries for the Troops quartered within this Colony and for paying Captain Philip Martin for the Losses he sustained in the house of Major James on the first of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty five] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to impower Commissaries to settle a Line of Jurisdiction between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time &

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

His Excellency the Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to three Bills the Titles whereof are as follow

An Act granting unto his Majesty the sum of three thousand pounds for furnishing Necessaries for the Troops quartered within this Colony, and for paying Captain Philip Martin the Losses he sustained in the House of Major James on the first of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty five.

An Act to impower Commissaries to settle a Line of Jurisdiction between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay.

An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned, relating to absconding and fraudulent Debtors.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner, and his Excellency the Governor, the Council and General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, his Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to Tuesday the eleventh day of August next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 116.]

By his Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province (L S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Tuesday* the *eleventh* day of *August* Instant I have thought fit for His Majesty's Service to prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *first* day of *September* now next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixth* day of *August* 1767 in the *seventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 118.]

By his Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Tuesday* the *first* day of *September* now next ensuing: I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *twenty second* day of *September* next ensuing of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and to Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirty first* day of *August* 1767 in the *seventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D. Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 120.]

By his Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Tuesday* the *twenty second* of *September* Instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *thirteenth* day of *October* next ensuing. Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein, are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixteenth* day of *September* 1767 in the *seventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIV., 123.]

By his Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province (L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to *Tuesday* the *thirteenth* day of *November* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council further prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *seventeenth* day of *November* next ensuing then to meet to proceed upon Business of which all his Majestys Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *third* day of *October* 1767 in the *seventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar, *D Secry.*

God save the KING

TWENTY-NINTH ASSEMBLY THIRTEENTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Governor, Council *and* General Assembly *of* the Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall of the City* New York *on* Tuesday *the* Seventeenth *day of* November *in the* Eighth year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender *of the* Faith, *and so forth, and in the year of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven.

The General Assembly having on the sixth day of June last, been prorogued to the eleventh day of August following, His Excellency the Governor was pleased by sundry Proclamations further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, on and to the days following, that is to say: On the sixth day of August to the first day of September. On the thirty first day of August to the twenty second day of September. On the sixteenth day of September to the thirteenth day of October and on the third day of October to the seventeenth day of November in this present year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, then to meet to proceed upon Business.

The Council met accordingly.

Present — *The Hono*[ble] Daniel Horsmanden, Esq[r], Speaker,

John Watts,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
William Smith, jun[r],
Henry Cruger, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday the eighteenth day of November 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province being come to the Council Chamber (the Speaker leaving the Chair) his Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Excellency then left the Council Chamber and the General Assembly being returned to the Assembly Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read.

Then his Excellency's Speech was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Minutes and is as followeth

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The sanguine Expectations so lately raised here of seeing our Disputes with the Province of the Massachusets Bay, in regard to Boundaries, brought to a speedy Determination, are hitherto disappointed; And notwithstanding the well known abilities of the Commissaries employed in this service, it will appear from their Report, that a Negotiation of so much Consequence to both Provinces, and from which the advantages to be derived were mutual, had not been attended with the wish'd for success: But as their near approach to an Agreement seems to point out that the Difficulties still subsisting are by no means of such a nature as to preclude all Expectations of being removed, I must recommend it to you, that such steps may now be taken, as you shall think most conducive to so good a purpose; And that your ready concurrence may not be wanting in every just and reasonable measure for bringing this Matter to a desirable Issue.

In the mean time the particular situation of that part of the Country, chiefly interested in the event of this Dispute will require your serious attention, and it is hoped that nothing will be omitted on your part to discourage and prevent the renewal of those Disputes, which so lately prevail'd there to the Ruin of Individuals and the Disgrace of Government.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

In laying before you the Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, relative to the Legislature of this Province, and transmitted to me by his Majesty's principal Secretary of State, I cannot harbour the least Doubt, but that the prudent Conduct of this House will render the Provisions contained in it unnecessary, and that their Zeal for his Majesty's Service and attachment to his Government will always engage them to entertain a due sense of the Blessings which they enjoy under his Protection and the Influence of the British Constitution.

I must again repeat what I urged in a former Session concerning the vague and undetermined Boundaries of the different Counties of this Province, and the Necessity for making a proper Provision for ascertaining them A very essential service will thereby be rendered to the Country, by preventing those Scenes of Litigation which so much impede the present settling of those parts, and of course must in time be productive of the greatest mischiefs.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly

As his Majesty's Service and the Benefit of the Province will be concerned in whatever I may have to lay before you during the Course of your Session I flatter myself not only of having your assistance in points of such Importance to this Community, but that it will be granted with Chearfulness, Unanimity and Dispatch.

New York 18th November 1767. H: MOORE.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be printed.

Mr Cruger then moved that an humble Address might be presented to his Excellency by this House in Answer to his Speech.

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented by this House to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Morris, Mr Smith junr and Mr Cruger be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they lay the same before this House on Friday next.

The Council adjourned till Friday next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Friday, the twentieth day of November, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Morris from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented by this House to his Excellency in Answer to his Speech reported that the Committee had prepared the Draft of an humble Address accordingly, which he read in his place, and then delivered the same in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being agreed to was

Ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address to his Excellency in behalf of this House, who having signed the same accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Morris and Mr Smith junr do wait on his Excellency and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned reported, that they had delivered the said Message to his Excellency, and that he was pleased to say he would receive the Address of the Council on Monday Morning next at 11 o'clock in the Council Chamber in Fort George.

The Council adjourned untill Monday next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Monday, the twenty third day of November, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with

The Council went to Fort George to present the humble Address of this House to his Excellency, and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the Council attended his Excellency and presented to him the humble Address of this House, his Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable answer thereto, which he delivered in at the Table, and the same being read

Ordered, that the said Address and his Excellency's Answer thereto be entered in the minutes which are as follow

To His Excellency Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Council of the Province of New York, beg leave to return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your Speech.

The Mischiefs of an uncertain jurisdiction are so obvious, and the contested Partition between this and the Province of the Massachusets Bay, has been such a source of Distress and Confusion, that the ill success of the late Negotiations for the settlement of a temporary Line, gives us a very sensible concern.

Being utterly averse to the continuance of these tedious destructive animosities, and willing to encourage the most distant hopes of a friendly accommodation between the two Provinces, we are ready to concur with your Excellency in every just and reasonable measure to bring this important matter to a desirable Issue, and shall exert ourselves to prevent all Disorders that may be either detrimental to the Subject or dishonourable to Government.

Confiding in your Zeal for his Majesty's service, and the welfare of the Province, and being ourselves animated with the same laudable Designs, permit us to assure your Excellency of our Chearful, ready and unanimous aid in the Business of this Session.

By order of the Council
DAN HORSMANDEN, Speaker.

Council Chamber New York
20th November 1767.

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen of the Council

I return you my hearty thank for this Address, and for your readiness in concurring with me to promote his Majesty's Service, and the Benefit of the Province.

New York 23d November 1767.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Friday the fourth day of December next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Friday, the fourth day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Major Lispenard with the Bill Entituled [An Act for making a further Provision of fifteen hundred pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with necessaries] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Justice Livingston and Col Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act to declare the extension of several Acts of Parliament made since the Establishment of a Legislation in this Colony and not declared in the said Acts to extend to the Plantations] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Schenck with the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of damaged Goods imported into this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Philipse and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled, [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for making Process in Courts of Equity effectual against Mortgagors, who abscond and cannot be served therewith, or who refuse to appear] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Haasbrouck and Captain Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to regulate the Pilots, and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Bruyn with the Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading infectious Distempers in this Colony with an Addition thereto] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Miller with the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessels for defraying the expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Major Lispenard and Col Livingston with the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the fifth day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Philip Livingston and Col Philipse with the Bill entituled, [An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act for laying an Excise on all Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bruyn and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill entituled [An Act for raising the sum of fifty pounds for and towards the finishing of a Bridge over the Roundout Creek or River, at or near Rosendal in the County of Ulster] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Wisner with the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Tuesday, the eighth day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned untill to morrow morning 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, the ninth day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Friday next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Friday, the eleventh day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the fifteenth day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Thursday next at 11 o clock in the morning.

Thursday, the seventeenth day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill entituled [An Act for making a further Provision of fifteen hundred Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Friday the eighteenth day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning at 11 o clock.

Saturday the nineteenth day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till 4 o clock in the afternoon.

Saturday, the nineteenth day of December, 1767. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for making a further Provision of fifteen hundred pounds, for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with necessaries] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.
The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o clock.

Monday, the twenty first day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General, and Governor in Chief of this Province being come to the Council Chamber (the Speaker leaving the Chair) his Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill, entituled,

An Act for making a further Provision of fifteen hundred pounds, for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony, with necessaries.

After which the said Act was published in the usual manner, and the Council returning to the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock in the afternoon.

Monday, the twenty first day of December, 1767. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the following Bills brought to this House from the General Assembly on the 4th Instant be now read, vizt

The Bill entituled [An Act to declare the extension of several Acts of Parliament, made since the establishment of a Legislation in this Colony, and not declared in the said Act to extend to the Plantations.]

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.]

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of damaged Goods imported into this Colony.]

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for making Process in Courts of Equity effectual against Mortgagors who abscond, and cannot be served therewith, or who refuse to appear.]

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to regulate the Pilots and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other purposes therein mentioned.]

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading infectious Distempers in this Colony, with an Addition thereto.]

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook.]

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York.]

Then the said eight Bills were severally read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Ordered, that the following Bills brought to this House from the General Assembly on the fifth Instant, be now read vizt

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act for laying an Excise on all Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony.]

The Bill entituled [An Act for raising the sum of fifty pounds for and towards the finishing of a Bridge over the Roundout Creek or River at or near Rosendal in the County of Ulster] and

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany.]

Then the said three Bills were read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Mr Watts moved that a Bill which he held in his hand, entituled [An Act for repealing the several Acts therein mentioned, relating to Insolvent Debtors] might be read, and leave being given accordingly,

The said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Mr Smith jun'r moved that a Bill which he held in his hand, entituled [An Act for the better determination of personal Actions depending upon accounts] might be read, and leave being given accordingly

The said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the twenty second day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for repealing the several Acts therein mentioned relating to Insolvent Debtors] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the better determination of Personal Actions depending upon accounts] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to declare the Extension of several Acts of Parliament made since the Establishment of a Legislation in this Colony, and not declared in the said Act to extend to the Plantations] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods, Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of damaged Goods imported into this Colony] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for making Process in Courts of Equity effectual against Mortgagors, who abscond, and cannot be served therewith, or who refuse to appear] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith junr from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to regulate the Pilots and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith junr from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading infectious Distempers in this Colony, with an Addition thereto] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith junr from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] was read the second time, and
Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act for laying an Excise on all Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into [a Committee] of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for raising the sum of Fifty Pounds for and towards finishing a Bridge over the Roundout Creek or River at or near Rosendal in the County of Ulster] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, the twenty third day of December, 1767

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to declare the Extension of several Acts of Parliament made since the Establishment of a Legislation in this Colony, and not declared in the said Acts to extend to the Plantations] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of damaged Goods imported into this Colony] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for making Process in Courts of Equity effectual against Mortgagors who abscond and cannot be served therewith, or who refuse to appear] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith junr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to regulate the Pilots and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading infectious Distempers in this Colony with an Addition thereto] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessells for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for laying an Excise on all Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved,that he said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act for raising the sum of Fifty pounds for and towards the finishing of a Bridge over the Roundout Creek or River, at or near Rosendal in the County of Ulster] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the destruction of Deer by Bloodhounds or Beagles in the Counties of Albany, Ulster and Orange] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Miller and Mr Kissam with the Bill entituled [An Act for the raising a sum not exceeding the sum of three hundred pounds for repairing and amending the County Hall and Goal in Suffolk County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Col Livingston with the Bill entituled [An Act to empower the Freeholders of the Towns of Hempstead and Oysterbay in

Queens County, to make prudential orders for the better regulating the parting their sheep feeding on the great Plains, and to sell such stray Sheep as shall be left at such time of parting] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Justice Livingston and Mr Miller acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have appointed Mr Cruger, Mr Philip Livingston, Mr Lispenard, Mr Bayard, Mr Holland and Col Livingston, or the major part of them, a committee to enquire into the contents of a certain Pamphlet entituled, "The Conduct of Cadwallader Colden Esqr Lieutenant Governor of New York, relating to the Judges Commissions—Appeals to the King—and the Stamp Duty," highly reflecting on the Honour, Justice and Dignity of his Majesty's Council, the General Assembly and the Judges of the Supreme Court of this Colony, and that the General Assembly desire the Council will be pleased to appoint a Committee of their House, to meet and join the Committee appointed by the General Assembly, for the purpose of making the aforesaid Enquiry, at such time and place as the Council shall think proper.

And the said Message being taken into consideration

Resolved, that Mr Watts, Mr Morris and Mr Smith junr be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to join the Committee of the General Assembly for the purpose mentioned in the said Message from that House.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have appointed Mr Watts, Mr Morris and Mr Smith junr a Committee, to join the Committee appointed by the General Assembly to enquire into the contents of a certain Pamphlet entituled "The Conduct of Cadwallader Colden Esqr Lieutenant Governor of New York, relating to the Judges Commissions—Appeals to the King—and the Stamp Duty;" And that this House have appointed that the said joint Committee do meet for that purpose to morrow evening at the House of George Burns in this City.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o'clock.

Thursday, the twenty fourth day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled, [An Act to empower Sr William Baker Knight, and Robert Charles Esqrs, to pay for the Statues of his Majesty and the Rt Honoble William Pitt Esqr now Lord Chatham, and also for a peice of Plate to be presented to John Sargent Esqr] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman and Mr Bruyn with the Bill entituled, [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair common and publick Highways in Richmond County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Philip Livingston and Mr Holland with the Bill entituled, [An Act to enlarge the time for the Constables of the City of New York, who shall be Collectors of the Taxes, to pay in the Taxes to be raised in the said City, and for the more effectual collecting in the Taxes already assessed] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Bruyn with the Bill entituled, [An Act to empower the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled, [An Act to prevent the destruction of Deer by Blood Hounds or Beagles in the Counties of Albany Ulster and Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the raising a sum not exceeding the sum of three hundred pounds for repairing and amending the County Hall and Goal in Suffolk County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to empower the Freeholders of the Towns of Hempstead and Oysterbay in Queens County to make prudential Orders for the better regulating the parting of their Sheep, feeding on the great Plains, and to sell such stray Sheep as shall be left at such time of parting] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Walton from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

Mr Smith jun. moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand entituled [An Act for the Relief and Regulation of Sherifs and the better securing Prisoners] might be read, and Leave being given accordingly

The said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Mr De Lancey moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand entituled [An Act to prevent the Imprisonment of Poor Debtors] might be read, and Leave being given accordingly,

The said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for repealing the several Acts therein mentioned relating to Insolvent Debtors] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments thereto which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and being agreed to,

Ordered, that the Bill be Engrossed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better Determination of Personal Actions depending upon Accounts] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and being agreed to,

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber (the Speaker leaving the Chair) his Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of the Council and General Assembly, was pleased to give his Assent to Eleven Bills the Titles whereof are as follow.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for laying an Excise on all Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York.

An Act to declare the Extension of several Acts of Parliament, made since the Establishment of a Legislation in this Colony, and not declared in the said Acts to extend to the Plantations.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for making Process in Courts of Equity effectual against Mortgagors who abscond and cannot be served therewith or who refuse to appear.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to regulate the Pilots and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of damaged Goods imported into this Colony.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act to prevent the bringing in and spreading infectious Distempers in this Colony with an Addition thereto.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany.

An Act for raising the sum of fifty Pounds for and towards the finishing of a Bridge over the Roundout Creek or River at or near Rosendal in the County of Ulster.

After which the said eleven Acts were published in the usual Manner, and the Council returning to the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the twenty eighth day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq : Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Smith jun^r moved that a Bill which he held in his hand entituled [An Act to releive the Cities and Counties of this Colony by the speedy Tryal of petty Offenders] might be read, and leave being given accordingly

The said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled [An Act for repealing the several Acts therein mentioned relating to Insolvent Debtors] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled [An Act for the better Determination of personal Actions depending upon Accounts] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the Relief and Regulation of Sherifs and the better securing Prisoners] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith junr from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, & made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same were again read, and being agreed to

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and publick Highways in Richmond County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding Fourteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enlarge the time for the Constables of the City of New York who shall be Collectors of the Taxes to pay in the Taxes to be raised in the said City, and for the more effectual collecting in the Taxes already assessed] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the Destruction of Deer by Blood Hounds or Beagles in the Counties of Albany, Ulster & Orange] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the raising a sum not exceeding the sum of three hundred Pounds for repairing and amending the County Hall and Goal in Suffolk County] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Freeholders of the Towns of Hempstead and Oysterbay in Queens County, to make prudential Orders for the better regulating the parting their Sheep feeding on the Great Plains; and to sell such Stray Sheep as shall be left at such time of Parting] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith junr do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the Imprisonment of poor Debtors] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty ninth day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled [An Act for the Relief and Regulation of Sherifs and the better securing of Prisoners] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Imprisonment of poor Debtors] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and being agreed to

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and publick Highways in Richmond County] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enlarge the Time for the Constables of the City of New York who shall be Collectors of the Taxes to pay in the Taxes to be raised in the said City and for the more effectual collecting in the Taxes already assessed] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding the sum of fourteen hundred Pounds, for the uses therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment
The engrossed Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the Imprisonment of poor Debtors] was read the third time
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to relieve the Cities and Counties of this Colony by the speedy Tryal of petty Offenders] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the thirtieth Day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The House resolved itself into a Commee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to releive the Cities and Counties of this Colony by the speedy Tryal of petty Offenders] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Smith junr from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of and the Bill
Ordered to be Engrossed.
The Engrossed Bill Entituled [An Act to releive the Cities and Counties of this Colony by the speedy Tryal of petty Offenders] was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Schenck and Col Haring with the Bill Entituled [An Act authorizing certain Persons therein named to settle the Line of Division between the Counties of Kings and Queens County as far as the Townships of Bushwick and New Town extend] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight to the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and sixty Nine inclusive] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
Mr Watts from the Committee of the Council, appointed to meet and join a Committee of the General Assembly to inquire into the Contents of a Certain Pamphlet entituled "The Conduct of Cadwallader Colden Esqr Lieutenant Governor of New York relating to the Judges Commissions—Appeals to the King; and the Stamp Duty," Reported

That on Monday the twenty eighth Instant, they were joined by Mr Cruger, Mr Philip Livingston, Mr Lispenard, Mr Bayard, Mr Holland and Col Livingston of the Committee of the General Assembly.

That the joint Committee then proceeded to an Enquiry into the Contents of the said Pamphlet, and were of opinion that it not only highly reflects upon the Honour, Justice and Dignity of his Majesty's Council, the General Assembly and the Judges of the Supreme Court, but contains the most malignant aspersions upon the Inhabitants of this Colony in General.

That it tends to destroy the Confidence of the People in two of the Branches of the Legislature, and the Officers concerned in the due Administration of Justice, to render the Government odious and Contemptible, to abate that due Respect to Authority so necessary to peace and good order, to excite disadvantageous Suspicions and Jealousies in the minds of the People of Great Britain against his Majesty's Subjects in this Colony, and to expose the Colony in General to the Resentments of the Crown and both Houses of Parliament.

That immediate and effectual measures ought to be taken, to defeat the malicious designs of the Author and Publisher of the Pamphlet, by a Detection of its Falsehoods and Misrepresentations, and a full Clear and Just Vindication of the Colony and Government from the injurious Calumnies therein contained.

That it seems expedient to the joint Committee of both Houses, that the General Assembly appoint a Committee of their House, to examine and report the unjust Charges, with an ample and satisfactory Refutation, to discover the Author and Publisher, and declare what they Conceive to be the most prudent and effectual measures for applying a Suitable Punishment, and deterring others from so iniquitous and dangerous an Offence.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the thirty first day of December, 1767.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Hon*ble Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

John Watts,
William Walton.
Oliver De Lancey,
Charles W. Apthorpe,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
William Smith, junr,
Henry Cruger, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act authorizing certain Persons therein named to settle the Line of division between the Counties of Kings and Queens County as far as the Townships of Bushwick and New Town extend] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine inclusive] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Seaman and Mr Schenck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating and further laying out Highways in Queens County and for repealing an Act and part of an Act therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Mr Watts moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand entituled [An Act to prevent the default of Justices of the peace Grand and Petit Jurors and Constables] might be read and Leave being given accordingly,

The said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the fourth Day of January, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better regulating and further laying out Highways in Queens County and for repealing An Act and part of An Act therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the defaults of Justices of the peace Grand and Petit Jurors and Constables] was read the second time and

Ordered, to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Sir William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esqr, to pay for the Statues of his Majesty and the Rt. Honourable William Pitt Esqr now Lord Chatham and also for a peice of Plate to be presented to John Sargent Esqr] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Tuesday, the fifth day of January, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Livingston and Mr Kissam with the Engrossed Bill from this House entituled [An Act to relieve the Cities and Counties of this Colony by the speedy Tryal of petty offenders] and an Amendment made thereto by the General Assembly acquainting this House that the General Assembly have passed the Bill with the said amendment to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And the Amendment to the said Bill being read,

Resolved, that this House do agree to the said Amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be amended.

Then the said Bill was amended by incerting between the words *may* and *be* in the 22d Line of the Bill, the words [Except in such cases where the Benefit of the Clergy is taken away]

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have agreed to the amendment to the said Bill, and have amended the Bill accordingly.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Justice Livingston and Mr Thomas with the engrossed Bill from this House entituled [An Act for repealing the several Acts therein mentioned relating to Insolvent Debtors] acquainting this House that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Defaults of Justices of the Peace, Grand and Petit Jurors, and Constables] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith junr from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and being agreed to

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to empower Sir William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esqr to pay for the Statues of his Majesty and the Rt Honoble William Pitt Esqr now Lord Chatham, and also for a peice of Plate to be presented to John Sargent Esqr] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Commitee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which report on the question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The engrossed Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Defaults of Justices of the Peace, Grand and Petit Jurors and Constables] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do carry the Bill to the General Assembly, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman and Major Lispenard with the Bill entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government, and of other services, and for the better securing the publick Funds of this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Col Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act for chusing Constables in Kings Queens and Richmond Counties, Collectors in the Towns of Oysterbay and Hempstead, and to fix the Places for the Election of Town Officers in Richmond] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the sixth day of January, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
William Smith, junr,
Henry Cruger, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the Several Officers of the Government, and of other services, and for the better securing the publick Funds of this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

Th House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for chusing constables in Kings Queens and Richmond Counties, Collectors in the Towns of Oysterbay and Hempstead, and to fix the Places for the Election of Town Officers in Richmond] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith junr from the Committee of the Whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till Friday morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the eighth day of January, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the payment of the salaries of the several Officers of the Government, and of other services, and for the better securing the publick Funds of this Colony] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for chusing Constables in Kings Queens and Richmond Counties; Collectors in the Towns of Oysterbay and Hempstead, and to fix the Places for the Elections of Town Officers in Richmond] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint an Inspector of Hemp in the County of Westchester] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Schenck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for raising a sum not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds for repairing the old or building a new Goal in Richmond County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twelfth day of January, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint an Inspector of Hemp in the County of Westchester] was read rhe second time &

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for raising a sum not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds for repairing the old or building a new Goal in Richmond County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith jun^r from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the thirteenth day of January, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act authorizing certain Persons therein named to settle the Line of Division between the Counties of Kings and Queens County, as far as the Townships of Bushwick and New Town extend] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber, (the Speaker leaving the Chair) his Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of the Council and the General Assembly, was pleased to give his assent to Ten Bills, the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act for the Payment of the salaries of the several Officers of the Government, and of other Services, and for the better securing the publick Funds of this Colony.

An Act to relieve the Cities and Counties of this Colony by the speedy Tryal of Petty offenders.

An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, or the Major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned.

An Act to enlarge the Time for the Constables of the City of New York, who shall be Collectors of the Taxes to pay in the Taxes to be raised in the said City; and for the more effectual collecting in the Taxes already assessed.

An Act to prevent the Destruction of Deer by Bloodhounds or Beagles in the Counties of Albany, Ulster and Orange.

An Act for chusing Constables in Kings Queens and Richmond Counties; Collectors in the Towns of Oysterbay and Hempstead, and to fix the Places for the Election of Town Officers in Richmond.

An Act for the raising a sum not exeeding the sum of three hundred Pounds, for repairing and amending the County Hall and Goal in Suffolk County.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair Common and publick Highways in Richmond County.

An Act to empower the Freeholders of the towns of Hempstead and Oysterbay in Queens County, to make prudential Orders for the better regulating the parting their sheep feeding on the Great Plains, and to sell such stray sheep as shall be left at such Time of Parting.

An Act authorizing certain Persons therein mentioned to settle the Line of Division between the Counties of Kings and Queens County, as far as the Townships of Bushwick and Newtown extend.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual Manner and the Council returning to the Council Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Friday Morning 11 o'Clock.

Friday, the fifteenth day of January, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Haring and Col Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act for naturalizing Sylvester Springer, Johan Wilhelm Ditz, Johannis Krots, Johannis Bartel Volch, John Christian Ringland, Thomas Kleynman, Aaron De Young, Daniel Collin, Isaac Moses, Henry Andrew Francken, and Alexander Diarce] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for raising a sum not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds for repairing the old or building a New Goal in Richmond County] was

Read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the eighteenth day of January, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing Sylvester Springer, Johan Wilhelm Ditz, Johannis Krots, Johannis Bartel Volck, John Christian Ringland, Thomas Kleynman, Aaron De Young, Daniel Collin, Isaac Moses, Henry Andrew Francken, and Alexander Diarce] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till Thursday Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty first day of January, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Cruger and Mr Holland with the Bill Entituled [An Act to make valid and render effectual An Act entituled An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred Poundsfor the uses therein mentioned passed in this present session of General Assembly.]

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty second day of January, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* WILLIAM WALTON, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled [An Act directing the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Abraham De Peyster

Esqr deceased, late Treasurer of this Colony, and Frederick De Peyster Esqr to deliver all publick monies in their hands, to the present Treasurer of this Colony, and for other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o cloçk in the morning.

Tuesday, the twenty sixth day of January, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to make valid and render effectual An Act entituled, An Act to empower the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding the sum of fourteen hundred pounds for the uses therein mentioned. Passed in this present Session of General Assembly] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act directing the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Abraham De Peyster Esqr deceased, late Treasurer of this Colony and Frederick De Peyster Esqr, to deliver all publick Monies in their hands to the present Treasurer of this Colony, and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Thursday morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday, the twenty eighth day of January, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine inclusive] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act for naturalizing Sylvester Springer, Johan Wilhelm Ditz, Johannis Krots, Johannis Bartel Volch, John Christian Ringland, Thomas Kleynman, Aaron De Young, Daniel Collin, Isaac Moses, Henry Andrew Francken, and Alexander Diarce] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to make valid and render more effectual An Act entituled, An Act to empower the Mayor

Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred pounds for the uses therein mentioned, Passed in this present Session of General Assembly] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Mr Holland with the Bill entituled [An Act to remove Doubts and Scruples, concerning An Act entituled, An Act for Submitting the property of the Lands which are held or claimed by Grants under the Great Seal of this Province, and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New Jersey, to such a method of Decision, as his most gracious Majesty shall think proper, by his Royal Commission or otherwise to appoint, and for defraying the Expence to accrue on the part of this Colony on the final settlement of the said Line] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the twenty ninth day of January, 1768

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to remove Doubts and Scruples concerning an Act entituled An Act for submitting the property of the Lands which are held or claimed by Grants under the Great Seal of this Colony and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New Jersey, to such Method of Decision as his most gracious Majesty shall think proper by his Royal Commission or otherwise to appoint, and for defraying the Expence to accrue on the Part of this Colony on the final settlement of the said Line] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Seaman and Mr Cruger with the engrossed Bill from this House entituled [An Act to prevent the Defaults of Justices of the peace Grand and petty Jurors and Constables] with the Amendments made thereto by the General Assembly acquainting the Council that the General Assembly have passed the Bill with the said Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And the Amendments to the said Bill being read

Resolved, that this House do agree to the said Amendments.

Ordered, that the Bill be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended accordingly as follows viz[t]

The Title altered thus—

An Act to prevent the Defaults of Grand and petty Jurors Constables and other Persons.

Line 6. The Words *Justices and* struck out, and after *Constable* the Words *and other Persons* inserted.

Line 13. The Words *Justice or* struck out, and after *Constable* the Words [or other Person whose Duty it is to attend the Courts of this Colony] inserted and in the same Line after the Word *for* the Words *their Defaulter* also inserted.

And at the End of the Bill the following Clauses were added.

Provided always that nothing in this Act shall be construed to extend to any Fine above the sum of Ten Pounds, or to any Court for the Trial of Causes to the Value of five pounds and under.

And Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that this Act shall continue in Force from the publication thereof till the first day of January which will be in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy and no longer.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Bayard and Captain Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to expedite the final settlement of the Controversy relating to the Boundaries of this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the first day of February, 1768

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to remove Doubts and scruples concerning an Act entituled An Act for submitting the Property of the Lands which are held or claimed by Grants under the Great Seal of this Colony and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New Jersey, to such Method of Decision as his most gracious Majesty shall think proper by his Royal Commission or otherwise to appoint, and for defraying the Expence to accrue on the part of this Colony on the final settlement of the said Line] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith junr from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act directing the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Abraham De Peyster Esqr deceased late Treasurer of this Colony, and Frederick De Peyster Esqr to deliver all publick Monies in their Hands to the present Treasurer of this Colony, and for other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time aud

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Sir William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esqr to pay for the Statues of his Majesty and the Rt Honourable William Pitt Esqr now Lord Chatham, and also for a piece of Plate to be presented to John Sargent Esqr] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Walton do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to expedite the final Settlement of the Controversy relating to the Boundaries of this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith junr from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered, a third reading.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the third day of February, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to expedite the final settlement of the Controversy relating to the Boundaries of this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber (the Speaker leaving the Chair) his Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate Attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of the Council & the General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to six Bills the Titles whereof are as follow

An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty Nine inclusive.

An Act directing the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Abraham Depeyster Esqr deceased late Treasurer of this Colony and Frederick Depeyster Esqr to deliver all publick Monies in their Hands to the present Treasurer of this Colony and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to expedite the final settlement of the Controversy relating to the Boundaries of this Colony, and the Province of the Massachusets Bay.

An Act to make valid and render effectual An Act entituled "An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred Pounds for the Uses therein mentioned," passed in this present session of General Assembly.

An Act for raising a sum not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds for repairing the old or building a new Goal in Richmond County.

An Act for naturalizing Sylvester Springer, Johan Wilhelm Ditz, Johannis Krots, Johannis Bartel Volck, John Christian Ringland, Thomas Kleynman, Aaron De Young, Daniel Collin, Isaac Moses, Henry Andrews Francken, and Alexander Diarce.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual Manner and the Council returning to the Council Chamber,

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the fourth day of February, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Philipse and Mr Kissam with the Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual vesting the real and personal Estate whereof Abraham Depeyster Esqr late Treasurer of this Colony died seized and possessed, in Trustees for the payment of his Debts] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Philip Livingston and Col: Haring with the Bill Entituled [An Act to ascertain the size of Casks in which White Bread shall be packed within the City of New York, and to regulate the manner in which the same shall be sold] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the fifth day of February, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual vesting the real and personal Estate whereof Abraham De Peyster Esqr late Treasurer of this Colony, died seized and possessed, in Trustees for the payment of his Debts] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to ascertain the size of Casks in which White Bread shall be packed within the City of New York, and to regulate the manner in which the same shall be sold] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the sixth of February, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hon*[ble] DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq[r], Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM WALTON,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun[r],
HENRY CRUGER, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual vesting the real and personal Estate whereof Abraham De Peyster Esq[r] late Treasurer of this Colony died seized and possessed, in Trustees for the payment of his Debts] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M[r] Watts from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to ascertain the size of Casks in which White Bread shall be packed within the City of New York, and to regulate the manner in which the same shall be sold] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M[r] Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M[r] Smith jun[r] do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any amendment.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province being come to the Council Chamber (the Speaker leaving the Chair) his Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his Assent to five Bills the Titles whereof are as follow viz[t]

An Act to prevent the Defaults of Grand and Petit Jurors, Constables and other Persons.

An Act to empower S[r] William Baker Knight and Robert Charles Esq[r] to pay for the Statues of his Majesty and the R[t] Hono[ble] William Pitt Esq[r] now Lord Chatham and also for a peice of Plate to be presented to John Sargent Esq[r].

An Act to remove Doubts and Scruples concerning An Act entituled, An Act for submitting the Property of the Lands, which are held or claimed by Grants under the Great Seal of this Colony and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New Jersey, to such Method of Decision as his most gracious Majesty shall think proper, by his Royal Commission or otherwise, to appoint, and for defraying the Expence to accrue on the part of this Colony on the final settlement of the said Line.

An Act for the more effectual vesting the real and personal Estate whereof Abraham De Peyster Esq[r] late Treasurer of this Colony, died seized and possessed, in Trustees for the payment of his Debts.

An Act to ascertain the size of Casks in which White Bread shall be packed within the city of New York, and to regulate the manner in which the same shall be sold.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner, and

His Excellency was pleased by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council to declare the General Assembly of this Province DISSOLVED, and that he DISSOLVED them accordingly.

PROVINCE of *New York* } *ss.*

MEMORANDUM *that* Writts *having issued for the Election of* Representatives *to serve in a* General Assembly *of the said Province of* New York *thereby appointed to be held at the City of* New York *on the* twenty second *Day of* March *in the* year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight *in the* Eighth *year of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the Grace of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth.*

The Council met accordingly on the said twenty second Day of March in the Council Chamber in the City Hall in the City aforesaid.

PRESENT — *The Honble* { DANIEL HORSMANDEN, JOHN WATTS, WILLIAM WALTON, OLIVER DE LANCEY, CHARLES WARD APTHORPE, JOSEPH READE, ROGER MORRIS, WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r, HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs

Where being assembled, together with such of the Representatives returned to serve in the said General Assembly as attended on the same Day in the Assembly Chamber, His Majesty's Writ Patent under the Great Seal of the said Province proroguing the said General Assembly so appointed to be held on this twenty second day of March as aforesaid until the fifth day of July now next ensuing was by the Deputy Clerk of the Council read in the words following

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland, KING Defender of the Faith and so forth.

To Our Welbeloved and Faithful the Members of Our Council of Our Province of New York, And to Our Beloved and Faithful the Representatives of Our said Province, Called and elected to begin and hold a General Assembly of Our said Province, at Our City of New York on the twenty second Day of this Instant Month of March and to each of you

GREETING:

WHEREAS we had ordained that the said General Assembly should be held at the Day and Place aforesaid, and had commanded you by our several Writts to be present at the City and on the Day aforesaid, to assist our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said province in the said General Assembly of our said Province; Nevertheless for certain Causes and Considerations us hereunto especially moving; We have thought fit to prorogue and do hereby prorogue the said General Assembly until the *fifth* day of *July* now next ensuing; so that neither you nor any of you be held or compelled to appear on the said *twenty second* day of *March* at the City aforesaid: For We do will that you and each of you thereof towards us be discharged; Commanding and by these Presents firmly enjoining you and every of you, and all others in this part interested, that on the said *fifth* day of *July* at the aforesaid City of New York you personally appear and be present to assist our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in the General Assembly aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these our Letters to be made patent. WITNESS our Trusty and welbeloved Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same: At our Fort in our said City of *New York* the *Eighteenth* day of *March* One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight in the *Eighth* year of our Reign.

H: MOORE.

Passed the Secretarys Office
CLARKE.

MEMORANDUM *that on the said* fifth *day of* July One thousand seven hundred and Sixty eight *in the* Eighth year *of the* Reign *of our said* Sovereign Lord King George *the* Third *to which Day the* General Assembly *aforesaid was prorogued by his* Majesty's Writ Patent *before mentioned;*

The following Members of this Council, to wit, The Honourable Daniel Horsmanden, Oliver De Lancey, Joseph Reade, William Smith, jun^{r}, Henry Cruger, Esq^{rs}, Met in the Council Chamber In the City Hall in the City of New York: Where being assembled, together with such of the Representatives returned to serve in the said General Assembly, as attended on the same Day in the Assembly Chamber, his Majesty's Writ Patent under the Great Seal of the said Province farther proroguing the said General Assembly until the thirteenth day of September now next ensuing was by the Deputy Clerk of the Council read in the words following

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, KING Defender of the Faith and so forth.

To Our Welbeloved and Faithful the Members of Our Council of Our Province of New York, and to Our Beloved and Faithfull the Representatives of Our said Province, called and elected to begin and hold a General Assembly of our said Province at our City of New York on the twenty second day of March in the present year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty Eight, and to each of you

GREETING:

WHEREAS we had ordained that the said General Assembly should be held at the Day and Place aforesaid, and had commanded you by our several Writs to be present at the City and on the Day aforesaid to assist our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province in the said General Assembly of our said Province: And whereas for certain Causes and Considerations us thereunto moving, We did by our Writ Patent under the Great Seal of our said Province bearing date the *Eighteenth* day of *March* now last past, prorogue the said General Assembly until the *fifth* day of *July* then next ensuing thereby commanding and firmly enjoining you and every of you, that on the said *fifth* day of *July* at the aforesaid City of New York, you personally appear and be present to assist our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in the General Assembly aforesaid: Nevertheless for certain Causes and Considerations us hereunto especially moving, We have thought fit farther to prorogue and do hereby farther prorogue the said General Assembly until the *thirteenth* day of *September* now next coming, so that neither you nor any of you be held or compelled to appear on the said *fifth* day of *July* at the City aforesaid. For we do will that you and each of you thereof towards us be discharged. Commanding and by these Presents firmly enjoining you and every of you, and all others in this Part interested, that on the said *thirteenth* day of *September* at the aforesaid City of New York you personally appear and be present to assist our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in the General Assembly aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent: WITNESS our Trusty and Welbeloved Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same. At our Fort in our City of *New York* the *Eighteenth* day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight in the *Eighth* year of our Reign.

H: MOORE.

Passed the Secretary's Office:
CLARKE.

MEMORANDUM *that on the said* thirteenth *day of* September one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight *in the* Eighth *year of the* Reign *of our said* Sovereign Lord King George *the* Third *to which day the* General Assembly *aforesaid was prorogued by his* Majesty's Writ Patent *before mentioned*

The following Members of the Council to wit, The Hono^ble^ Daniel Horsmanden, Oliver De Lancey, Joseph Reade, William Smith, jun^r^, Henry Cruger, Esq^rs^, Met in the Council Chamber in the City Hall in the City of New York, where being assembled together with such of the Representatives returned to serve in the said General Assembly as attended on the same Day in the Assembly Chamber, His Majesty's Writ Patent under the Great Seal of the said Province farther proroguing the said General Assembly until the twenty seventh day of October now next ensuing was by the Deputy Clerk of the Council read in the Words following

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland, KING Defender of the Faith and so forth.

To Our Welbeloved and Faithful the Members of Our Council of Our Province of New York, and to Our Beloved and Faithful the Representatives of Our said province called and elected to begin and hold a General Assembly of Our said Province at Our City of New York on the twenty second Day of March in the present year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, and to each of you

GREETING:

WHEREAS we had ordained that the said General Assembly should be held at the Day and Place aforesaid, and had commanded you by our several Writs to be present at the City and on the Day aforesaid to assist our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province, in the said General Assembly of our said Province. And Whereas for certain Causes and Considerations us thereunto moving, We did by our Writ patent under the Great Seal of our said Province, bearing date the *Eighteenth* day of *March* now last past, prorogue the said General Assembly until the *fifth* day of *July* then next ensuing: And Whereas we did afterwards by our Writ Patent under the Great Seal of our said Province, bearing date the *Eighteenth* day of *May* now last past, farther prorogue the said General Assembly until the *thirteenth* day of *September* then next ensuing; thereby commanding and firmly enjoining you and every of you that on the said *thirteenth* day of *September* at the aforesaid City of New York you personally appear and be present to assist our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in the General Assembly aforesaid. Nevertheless for certain Causes and Considerations us thereunto especially moving, We have thought fit farther to prorogue and do hereby farther prorogue the said General Assembly until the *twenty seventh* day of *October* now next coming; so that neither you nor any of you be held or compelled to appear on the said *thirteenth* day of *September* at the City aforesaid; For We do will that you and each of you thereof towards us be discharged: Commanding and by these Presents firmly enjoining you and every of you, and all others in this Part interested, that on the said *twenty seventh* day of *October* at the aforesaid City of New York, you personally appear and be present, to assist our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in the General Assembly aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent. WITNESS our Trusty and Welbeloved Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same: At our Fort in our City of *New York* the *Twenty ninth* day of *August* One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight in the *Eighth* year of our Reign. Line 7 the word *fifth* wrote on a Razure.

H: MOORE.

Passed the Secretarys Office.
CLARKE.

THIRTIETH ASSEMBLY FIRST SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York, *on* Thursday *the* twenty seventh *day of* October, *in the* Ninth year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third, *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight.

The General Assembly standing prorogued to this Day
The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber,
The Speaker left the Chair, and
His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate attendance of such of the Representatives returned to serve in General Assembly as had taken and subscribed the Oaths and repeated and subscribed the Declaration appointed by Law.
Twenty six of the Representatives so qualifyed appearing accordingly in the Council Chamber His Excellency the Governor was pleased to direct them to return to the Assembly Chamber, and to choose a Speaker, and present him for his Excellencys approbation to Morrow Afternoon at 1 o Clock in the Council Chamber.
His Excellency the Governor having left the Council Chamber.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned til to Morrow 1 o clock in the Afternoon.

Friday, the twenty eighth day of October, 1768. P^t. M.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
His Excellency the Governor being come to the Council Chamber
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The Members of the General Assembly who had taken the Oaths, attended and acquainted his Excellency that in pursuance of his Directions yesterday, they had chosen Philip Livingston Esqr as their Speaker whom they presented for his Excellency's approbation.
His Excellency having declared his approbation of the said Philip Livingston Esqr as Speaker of the House of General Assembly
Mr Speaker addressing himself to his Excellency after a short apology expressing his own Inabilities, desired in behalf of the whole House, that their Words and Actions might always meet with a favourable construction. That the members might from time to time have free access to his Excellency, and that they and their servants might have the usual Privileges and Protection, to which his Excellency was pleased to Answer, that they might depend on being

maintained in all their Rights and Privileges as fully and amply as they had at any time heretofore enjoyed them.

His Excellency the Governor then made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Excellency the Governor and the House of General Assembly having left the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read.

Then the Speech was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House and the same is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

No immediate service of the Province having required my convening you upon the return of the Writts for the late Election I have delayed your meeting till the usual season of passing the annual Bills, to avoid the Inconveniencies attending a Session in the summer Months.

It is with great satisfaction that I can now lay before you a Report of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, in consequence of which his Majesty has been pleased to direct that the Regulation of the Trade with the Indians, shall for the future be left with the Colonies, as the Importance of such a concern to them must necessarily engage their respective Legislatures, in the pursuit of measures best calculated to answer the purpose of his Majesty's gracious condescension in committing this valuable Branch of Commerce to their Management.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The advantages arising not only from the Intercourse of Trade with the Indians but from the Maintainance of that Tranquility among them, which subsists at present are so obvious as to require no argument to enforce them; I shall therefore only recommend to you, that to avoid any future cause of Disatisfaction or Jealousy being given, you will by the most effectual Laws prevent any Settlements being made beyond the Line which shall be agreed on by the Indians; punish all Frauds and Abuses which may be practised by the Traders among them; and at the same time pay a due Regard to that Freedom of Trade, which his Majesty has graciously granted to all his Subjects by his Proclamation in the year 1763.

As I presume that such parts of the late Plan pursued by the Superintendants of Indian Affairs, as have operated to the Benefit of Trade, and given satisfaction to the Indians will be adopted by you, as far as circumstances and situations will admit. These shall be laid before you, together with the Reduction of such Posts, as the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces has thought proper to make in consequence of the orders he has received for that Purpose; that you may be better enabled to regulate the Execution of such Plans, as you shall think most conducive to the publick Benefit.

The Accounts which are directed to be delivered in to you by the Barrack Master, will shew that the greatest œconomy has been observed in issuing the sums granted for the support of his Majesty's Troops here, and that a particular attention has been given to the Interest of the Province as well as to his Majesty's service on this occasion.

I am extremely concerned to be under a Necessity of mentioning to you, the Distresses to which the unhappy sufferers at Montreal have been again reduced from a second Calamity by Fire; The Sentiments of Humanity which Misfortunes of this kind naturally excite will I hope plead for them, and I should with pleasure see an example shewed to the rest of the Colonies, by a generous and suitable Releif granted to objects whose present situation can be more easily imagined than described.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly

I flatter myself that a just sense of the advantages to be derived to the Publick from your Unanimity and Dispatch of Business, will have a due Influence on your proceedings during the course of the Session, and you may be assured of my ready concurrence with you in every Measure, which may be proposed for his Majestys service and the welfare of the Province.

New York 28th October 1768 H: MOORE.

Ordered, that his Excellencys Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr De Lancey then moved that an humble Address might be presented by this House to his Excellency in Answer to his Speech,

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to,

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey, Mr Apthorpe and Mr Reade be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a Draft of the said Address, and that they prepare and bring in the same on Tuesday next.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning next at 10 o Clock.

Tuesday, the first day of November, 1768.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented by this House to his Excellency in Answer to his Speech, Reported that the Committee had prepared the same, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the said Draft in at the Table where the same was again read, and being agreed to was

Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governor was read and approved of.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the same, and

The Speaker having signed the said engrossed Address,

Ordered, that Mr Morris and Mr Cruger do wait on his Excellency the Governor, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by the Council with their humble Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned, Reported that they had waited on his Excellency and delivered the said Message, and that his Excellency had been pleased to say he would receive the Address of this House at half an Hour after 1 o'Clock this Day, in the Council Chamber at Fort George.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with

The Council proceeded to the Council Chamber in Fort George to present the humble Address of this House to his Excellency the Governor; and being returned,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the Council attended his Excellency and presented to him the Address of this House, his Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable answer thereto, which being read —

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Journal of this House, which are as follow.

To His Excellency Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York

May it please your Excellency.

We his Majestys most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of the Province of New York, return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your Speech, and for communicating his Majesty's Directions, that the Regulation of the Trade with the Indians, shall for the future be left to the Colonies.

Nothing is more essential to establish and confirm the numerous and extensive Tribes of Indians in their Fidelity and Attachment to his Majesty, than proper Laws to restrain and punish all Frauds or Abuses of Traders, in their Intercourse with the different Nations: And your Excellency may be assured, that in the Consideration of so interesting an Object, we shall pursue such Measures, as shall appear best calculated to answer his Majesty's gracious Intentions.

The preventing any settlements beyond the Line which shall be agreed on by the Indians, equally deserves our serious Attention, as a Measure most likely to avoid any future cause of Dissatisfaction or Jealousy on their Part, and to render lasting and permanent the present Tranquility of the Colony.

Truly desirous that the Publick may derive every Advantage from our Proceedings, We shall endeavour to cultivate that Unanimity so highly necessary in the several Branches of the Legislature, and we beg Leave to assure your Excellency of our warmest Inclinations to concur in whatever may promote his Majesty's service, and the Welfare and Prosperity of the Colony.

By Order of the Council

New York 1st November 1768. JOHN WATTS Speaker.

His Excellency's Answer.

Gentlemen of the Council,

I return you my hearty Thanks for this Address and for the Readiness you express of giving your Assistance in whatever may be thought Necessary for his Majesty's Service, or contribute to the Prosperity of the Colony.

New York 1st Novr 1768.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Friday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Friday, the fourth day of November, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honble* John Watts, Esqr, Speaker,

Oliver De Lancey,
Roger Morris,
Henry Cruger, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Thursday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Thursday, the tenth day of November, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honble* John Watts, Esqr, Speaker,

Oliver De Lancey,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
Henry Cruger, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned til Friday the 18th November Instant at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Friday, the eighteenth day of November, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

Oliver De Lancey,
Charles Ward Apthorpe,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
Henry Cruger, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning next at 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty second day of November, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH READE,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Friday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Friday, the twenty fifth day of November, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* CHARLES WARD APTHORPE, Esqr, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Wednesday Morning next at 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the thirtieth day of November, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Captain De Lancey and Captain Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, or the Major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding sixteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to increase the Number of Firemen in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till Friday Morning 11 o Clock

Friday, the second day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Livingston and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Manor of Livingston to choose an additional Assessor and two Constables] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Mynderse and Mr Ten Brooke with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady the sum of two hundred and twenty seven pounds Ten shillings, and the farther sum of forty four Pounds twelve shillings to and for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading,

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wisner and M^r De Witt with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the counties of Ulster Dutches and Orange] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding sixteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to increase the Number of Firemen in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the morning.

Tuesday, the sixth day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland & Mr Rapalje with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise a Fund for defraying damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read,

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Schuyler and Mr Ten Broock with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Preservation and Translation of the Dutch Records of the City and County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time &
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Miller with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to regulate the Pilots and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the port of New York, and other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Captain De Lancey and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend and further to continue An Act intituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.,
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Manor of Livingston to choose an additional Assessor and two Constables] was read the second time &
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill entituled [An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady, the sum of Two hundred and twenty seven Pounds ten shillings, and the farther sum of forty four Pounds twelve shillings to and for the uses therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster Dutches and Orange] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding sixteen hundred pounds, for the uses therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Morris from the Committee of the Whole House in his place, reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to increase the Number of Firemen in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Morris from the Committee of the Whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the seventh day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Hon*ble Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
Henry Cruger, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Cruger moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand Entituled [An Act for the better Determination of personal Actions depending upon Accounts] might be read.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read accordingly.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding sixteen hundred pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to increase the Number of Firemen in the City of New York] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Manor of Livingston to choose an additional assessor and two Constables] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady, the sum of Two hundred and twenty seven pounds Ten shillings, and the farther sum of Forty pounds twelve shillings, to and for the uses therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster Dutches and Orange] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the preservation and Translation of the Dutch Records of the City and County of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to regulate the pilots and establish their pilotage between Sandy Hook and the port of New York, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend and further to continue An Act entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessels, for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the eighth day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the manor of Livingston to choose an additional Assessor and two Constables] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady, the sum of Two hundred and twenty seven pounds ten shillings and the farther sum of forty four pounds twelve shillings to and for the uses therein mentioned] was read the third Time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster Dutches and Orange] was read the third Time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith jun^r do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] and after some Time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Preservation and Translation of the Dutch Records of the City and County of Albany] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to regulate the pilots and establish their pilotage between Sandy Hook and the port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some Time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the Whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend and further to continue an Act entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessels, for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered, a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better Determination of personal Actions depending upon Accounts] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the ninth day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] was read the third Time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the preservation and Translation of the Dutch Records of the City and County of Albany] was read the Third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved. that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to regulate the pilots, and establish their pilotage between Sandy Hook and the port of New York, and other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the third Time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend and further to continue an Act entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook] was read the third Time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better Determination of personal Actions depending upon Accounts] and after some Time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith jun^r from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered said Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and being agreed to by the House

Ordered, that the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Schuyler and Mr Mynderse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the Major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the morning.

Tuesday, the thirteenth day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled [An Act for the better Determination of personal Actions depending upon Accounts] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the Major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Brinkerhoff with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue an Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Kleek and Col. Philipse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for partition of Lands in order thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt and M^r De Lancey with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester to elect two additional Constables, and also to empower the Inhabitants of the said Manor to choose an additional Number of Overseers of the Highways] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Van Kleek with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale which shall be made and executed after the first day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty nine in the Counties therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the fourteenth day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* ROGER MORRIS, Esqr, Speaker,
WILLIAM SMITH, Junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the fifteenth day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN WATTS,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday the twentieth day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the time being, or the Major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for Partition of Lands in order thereto] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester to elect two additional Constables; and also to empower the Inhabitants of the said Manor to choose an additional number of Overseers of the Highways] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale which shall be made and executed after the first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine in the Counties therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brinkerhoff and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act to divide Beekmans Precinct in Dutches County into two Precincts to be called Beekmans Precinct and Paulings Precinct] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Strong and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in the County of Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Witt and Mr Strong with the Bill entituled [An Act for the Releif of the Poor in the Counties of Ulster and Orange and to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several towns and precincts thereof to elect Overseers of the Poor at their annual meetings] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill be read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning at 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the twenty first day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Hon*ble Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

Oliver De Lancey,
Charles Ward Apthorpe,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
William Smith, junr,
Henry Cruger, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to divide Beekmans Precinct in Dutches County into two Precincts to be called Beekmans Precinct and Paulings Precinct] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the Releif of the Poor in the Counties of Ulster and Orange, and to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns and Precincts thereof to elect Overseers of the Poor at their annual Meetings] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue an Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the time being, or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifty Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] without any amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wisner and Mr Holland with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervizors of Orange County to raise the sum of four hundred and ninety five Pounds seventeen Shillings due from the said County on account of the necessary and contingent Charges thereof] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester, to elect two additional Constables, and also to empower the Inhabitants of the said Manor to choose an additional Number of Overseers of the Highways] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty second day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervizors of Orange County to raise the sum of four hundred and ninety five pounds seventeen shillings due from the said County on account of the necessary and contingent Charges thereof] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to divide Beekmans Precinct in Dutches County into two precincts to be called Beekmans Precinct and Pawlings precinct] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Counties of Ulster and Orange and to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns and Precincts thereof to elect Overseers of the Poor at their annual meetings] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith junr from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place Reported that the Cōmmee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till Saturday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Saturday, the twenty fourth day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Junr,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester to elect two additional Constables; and also to empower the Inhabitants of the said Manor to choose an additional Number of Overseers of the Highways] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to divide Beekmans Precinct in Dutches County into two Precincts to be called Beekmans Precinct and Pawlings Precinct] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale which shall be made and executed after the first day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty nine in the Counties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

DISSENT

I. Because if this Bill passes into a law, it will discourage Sales in writing; for since according to the Course of the Common Law, personal Property is transferrable by Parol, and will continue to be so this Bill notwithstanding, and a bona fide Sale in writing may be defeated by the prior registring of a posterior Sale, Vendees will hereafter for their greater safety, be induced to prefer parol to written Sales; and therefore

II. Because this Bill by urging contracting Parties to parol Dealings (which are in general the most exceptionable) tends to promote Frauds, Perjuries and Law Suits, and while it appears designed to shut out some Mischiefs, opens a very wide Door to many others.

III. Because as there is no Precedent of a similar Statute in England, and it is highly probable that the Wisdom of a Nation, so long experienced in all the Variety and Extent of Commerce, would if it was requisite have passed such a Law, a strong Presumption thence arises against this Innovation, as of dangerous or at least of doubtful Tendency.

IV. Because if this Bill is expedient, it must be as much so to every part of the Province, as to the four Counties therein named, and above all to the trading City of New York.

Where the Reasons are the same, the Law ought to be the same, but this Bill creates a Disparity, where there are no local Circumstances to make a Difference, and by unnecessarily subjecting People of the same Colony to various Rules is partial and unequal, and is regardless of the Benefits flowing from a uniformity of Legislation.

V. Because this Bill reposes too great a Confidence in the Clerks of Towns and Precincts, who, as they are chosen annually by the Inhabitants of scant Districts, have but little to do, and are generally obscure, illiterate and indigent Persons of the lowest Class. And so important a Trust as the forming and keeping a Register concerning Property, and the Right of judging when Entries are to be made to discharge Contracts, ought to be committed rather to the Clerk of the County, or some other public Patent Officer of known fixed Residence, who may be presumed to act upon higher Principles, and have more skill, and be better able to answer for his Conduct; And

Lastly, Because the Bill is ambiguously penned; and for the Execution of its own Design exposes Purchasers to needless Trouble and Expence, by rendring Registry searches necessary in all the Towns and Precincts of a County, and two of these Counties being very large, and one of them near sixty miles long, and above one and twenty miles wide, the Inconvenience of so many Registry Offices must be very apparent

W^M^ Smith jun^r^.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Counties of Ulster and Orange, and to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns and Precincts thereof to elect Overseers of the Poor at their annual Meetings] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of Orange County to raise the sum of Four hundred and Ninety five Pounds seventeen Shillings due from the said County, on account of the necessary and contingent charges thereof] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r^ De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Seaman and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act for making a farther Provision of Eighteen hundred Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Mynderse with the Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty nine to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy inclusive] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Miller with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for regulating clearing and further laying out publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and M^r^ De Lancey with the Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint an Inspector of Hemp in the County of Westchester] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r^ De Witt and Mr Walton with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Disputes and Confusion in the Township of Marbletown in the County of Ulster] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the twenty sixth day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Bill Entituled [An Act for making a further provision of Eighteen hundred Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Bill entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy inclusive] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for regulating clearing and further laying out publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint an Inspector of Hemp in the County of Westchester] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Disputes and Confusion in the Township of Marble Town in the County of Ulster] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council adjourned till 4 o Clock, P. M.

Monday, the twenty sixth day of December, 1768. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for making a further Provision of Eighteen hundred Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in the County of Orange] without any amendment.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday next at 11 o Clock in the morning.

Wednesday, the twenty eighth day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty Nine to the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy inclusive] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for regulating clearing and further laying out public Highways throughout the City and County of Albany] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith jun^r do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint an Inspector of Hemp in the County of Westchester] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Disputes and Confusion in the Township of Marbletown in the County of Ulster] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill *Ordered* a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty ninth day of December, 1768

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt and Mr Kissam with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to empower Justices of the peace, Mayors Recorders & Aldermen to try Causes to the value of five pounds and under, and for repealing an Act therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Rapalje and M^r De Lancey with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual Extinguishment of Fires, near the Ferry in the Township of Breucklin, in Kings County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing Coenrad Shol, Philip Smith, Adam Bangel, Henry Smith, Jacob Flander, Johannes Shol, John Smith, Leanhart Cratser Conrad Heyney, Henry Hearing, Philip Kole, Fredrick Heyney, Johannes Horteg, William Sobell, William Tiegel, Christoffel Miller, Dirck Van Ingen, Christoffel Sheerham, Baltzer Kern, John Wendell, Jacob Klyn, Coenradt Klyn, Jacob Klyn Junior, Johannes Felta, Thomas Kemp, Henry Redecker, John Kaine and Michael Salsbergh] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Schuyler and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled "An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majestys Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto" And also to continue one other Act entituled "An Act to explain part of An Act entituled An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for partition of Lands in order thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint an Inspector of Hemp in the County of Westchester] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Disputes and Confusion in the Township of Marble Town in the County of Ulster] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt De Lancey and Mr Mynderse with the Engrossed Bill from this House entituled [An Act for the better Determination of personal Actions depending upon Accounts] acquainting this House that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till 4 o Clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, the twenty ninth day of December, 1768. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to empower Justices of the peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen, to try Causes to the Value of five pounds and under, and for repealing An Act therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual extinguishment of Fires, near the Ferry in the Township of Breucklin in Kings County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for naturalizing Coenrad Shol, Philip Smith, Adam Bangel, Henry Smith, Jacob Flander, Johannes Shol, John Smith, Leanhart Cratser, Conrad Heyney, Henry Hearing, Philip Cole, Frederick Heyney, Johannes Hortcg, William Sobell, William Tiegel, Christoffel Miller, Dirck Van Ingen, Christoffel Sheerham, Baltzer Kern, John Wendell, Jacob Klyn, Conradt Klyn, Jacob Klyn junior, Johannes Felta, Thomas Kemp, Henry Redecker, John Kaine and Michael Salsbergh] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled "An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for partition of Lands in order thereto" And also to continue one other Act entituled, "An Act to explain part of An Act entituled, An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for partition of Lands in order thereto"] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till 11 o clock to Morrow Morning.

Friday, the thirtieth day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Holland and Mr Miller with the Bill Entituled [An Act for paying the Salaries and services of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine and other services therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Kleeck and M^r De Lancey with the Bill entituled [An Act to ascertain part of the Southern and Western Boundaries of the County of West Chester, and the Eastern Boundaries of the County of Orange, and part of the Northern Bounds of Queens County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Witt and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marble Town in the County of Ulster and in the precincts of Goshen and Cornwall in the County of Orange] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Wisner with the Bill Entituled [An Act to suspend An Act intituled An Act for the more effectual Preventing of Fires, and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New York; and to indemnify such Persons as have incurred the Penalties mentioned in the said Act] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to empower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the value of Five pounds and under, and for repealing An Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith junr from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Dissent

First Because the several Acts in 1754, 1758 and 1759 giving Justices of the Peace the Cognizance of Civil Causes to Five pounds (of which we have now had fourteen years experience) have contributed to debase the Magistracy, incouraged Oppression, Partiality and Perjury, and promoted Idleness, Drunkenness and a general Dissolution of Manners.

If a Justice according to the original Nature of his Office, is confined to the Conservation of the Peace, that admirable Device for Strengthening the Government, and preventing Disorders, by calling in the Aid of Men of Weight in the Country to superintend the Morals of the People, will have the most beneficial Effects: But the vast surcharge of that Office with those innumerable Litigations of a Civil Nature arising among the lower sort, has induced the principal Inhabitants to decline serving as Justices, and in a Manner compelled Government to commit the care of the Counties in many Instances to poor, mean, ignorant and unworthy Persons, of which the very Act now to be continued exhibits Proof; by forbidding the Justices who are Tavern keepers, to try causes in their own Houses.

Secondly Because even upon the supposition that the Act to be continued was not subject to this Capital Objection, it is very exceptionable upon many other Accounts.

I In not prohibiting Justices from holding their Courts in any Tavern whatsoever, it being most notoriously their Practice to do so by Compact for their mutual Interest and to permit and join in intemperate Drinking during the Trial, to the Perversion of Justice and the increase of Perjury.

II In not excepting Actions of Assault, Battery and Slander from their Cognizance and thus exposing Plaintiffs in these Causes, who where the Action sounds in Damages, can swear to no precise sum, to the Loss of their Costs, which in the latter Case more especially is contrary to Old Acts of Parliament extending to this Colony.

III In not excepting Causes for Annual Rents, Fees of Office, and Debt for Penalties on By Laws &ca dependent upon Questions of great Intricacy and Importance for the determination of which a Justice of the Peace is utterly incompetent.

IV In not limiting the Jurisdiction of the Justice to a small District, instead of leaving it commensurate with the County, and hence the Instances of Persons called to answer for a few shillings before a Justice, forty or fifty miles from their usual Abode.

V In not providing against unnecessary Adjournments of these petty Courts, which occasion great Vexation and Loss of Time to Parties, Witnesses and Juries, and give frequent Opportunities for Oppression.

VI In enabling a Justice to proceed if he pleases against a Party instantly upon the Return of the Process without previous Notice of the Plaintiffs Charge, or any Imparlance.

VII In not prescribing a mode of proceeding, which tho' summary shall not be precipitate, but conformable in the main to the plain and fundamental Principles of Law and natural Justice; as is usually done in England for the direction of Courts for small Causes, and

particularly in the Statute regulating the Courts Baron of Sheffield and Ecclesall in Yorkshire.

VIII In not directing some kind of Minutes or short Record to be made of their Proceedings, to prevent double Recoveries, and enable Executors and Administrators to support their Pleas, in the nature of Plene Administravit against second Demands.

IX In not providing Defendants the Benefit of a Discount, or of bringing Money into Court, and thus preventing a multiplicity of Suits.

X In not guarding against Litigiousness on the one hand, by preventing the Removal and Delay of Causes by Writts of Error and Certiorari, on the Penalty of Costs, and arbitrary and despotic Proceedings on the other.

XI In leaving a Plaintiff at Liberty to Apply to any Justice at his pleasure, and thus to make choice of him who is most likely to favour his cause, in preference of others in the vicinity against whom he can have no legal Objection.

XII In not prohibiting the Justices from appearing as Attornies for the Parties before other Justices, and pleading their Causes for small Fees; and such is the sunken state of the Magistracy, that this is a common Practice, to the Scandal of the Office, and the Encouragement of Maintenance and Barratry.

For all which Defects and many others too tedious to be enumerated, this Act appears to me to be one of the most pernicious Laws that can be contrived.

Thirdly Because the Act to be continued by this Bill abridges the priviledges granted by several Charters, and implicatively repeals the Act of the 14 Oc^r 1732, which confirms the charter to the city of New York; imposes burdensome Services upon the Magistrates, and diminishes the Value of the Offices of all the Clerks of the Cities and Counties in the Colony (who hold their Places by Patent) without any Recompence for their Losses.

Lastly Because if this Bill had not passed, there would still have remained Courts for the summary Trial of Causes as far as to forty shillings, pursuant to an Act of the 13 Decr 1737, and a new Act would probably have been substituted in the stead of the present Act, which gives a Jurisdiction to five Pounds, authorizing the appointment of Commissioners in every County for a cheap easy safe and expeditious determination of petty Controversies, which by relieving the Magistracy from immoderate Burdens, would have rendered the Office of a Justice of the Peace more acceptable to the better Class of People, introduced a Spirit of Subordination essential to good Government, and prevented a Train of Evils Attendant upon the Five pound Act and very detrimental both to the Crown and the Subject.

Wm Smith jun^r.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual Extinguishment of Fires near the Ferry in the Township of Breucklin in Kings County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith jun^r from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for naturalizing Coenrad Shol, Philip Smith, Adam Bangel, Henry Smith, Jacob Flander, Johannes Shol, John Smith, Leanhart Cratser, Coenrad Heyney, Henry Hearing, Philip Kole, Frederick Heyney, Johannes Horteg, William Sobell, William Tiegel, Christoffel Miller, Dirck Van Ingen, Christoffel Sheerham, Baltzer Kern, John Wendell, Jacob Klyn, Coenrad Klyn, Jacob Klyn junior, Johannes Felta, Thomas Kemp, Henry Redecker, John Kaine, and Michael Salsbergh] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the Whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled "An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for partition of Lands in order thereto" And also to continue one other Act intituled "An Act to explain part of An Act entituled An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majestys Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for partition of Lands in order thereto"] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till 4 o Clock this afternoon.

Friday, the thirtieth day of December, 1768. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Charles Ward Apthorpe,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
William Smith, junr,
Henry Cruger, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for paying the Salaries and services of the several Officers of the Government from the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight to the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine, and other services therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to ascertain part of the Southern and Western Boundaries of the County of Westchester, and the eastern Boundaries of the County of Orange, and part of the northern Bounds of Queens County] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marbletown in the County of Ulster, and in the precincts of Goshen and Cornwall in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to suspend An Act entituled, An Act for the more effectual preventing of Fires and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New York, and to indemnify such Persons as have incurred the Penalties mentioned in the said Act] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill entituled [An Act for amending An Act entituled, An Act directing the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Abraham De Peyster Esqr, deceased, late Treasurer of this Colony, and Frederick De Peyster Esqr to deliver all publick Monies in their hands to the present Treasurer of this Colony, and for other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the thirty first day of December, 1768.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for paying the Salaries and services of the several officers of the Government, from the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, to the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and sixty nine and other services therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approv'd of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to ascertain part of the Southern & Western Boundaries of the County of Westchester, and the Eastern Boundaries of the County of Orange, and part of the Northern Bounds of Queens County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent damages by Swine in the Township of Marbletown, in the County of Ulster, and in the precincts of Goshen and Cornwall in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to suspend An Act entituled An Act for the more effectual preventing of Fires, and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New York, and to indemnify such persons as have incurred the penalties mentioned in said Act] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for amending an Act entituled An Act directing the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Abraham Depeyster Esqr deceased, late Treasurer of this Colony and Frederick Depeyster Esqr, to deliver all publick Monies in their Hands to the present Treasurer of this Colony, and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber, the Speaker leaving the Chair, his Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of both Houses was pleased to give his Assent to thirty Bills the Titles whereof are as follow

An Act for making a further Provision of Eighteen hundred Pounds for furnishing his Majestys Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act for paying the Salaries and Services of the several Officers of the Government, from the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and Sixty eight to the first day of September One thousand seven hundred and Sixty nine and other Services therein mentioned.

An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Sixty nine, to the first day of January which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy inclusive.

An Act to continue an Act entituled "An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majestys Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for Partition of Lands in Order thereto;" and also to continue one other Act Entituled "An Act to explain part of An Act entituled an Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majestys Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto."

An Act to amend and further to continue an Act entituled An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light House on Sandy Hook.

An Act further to continue an Act entituled An Act to regulate the Pilots and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for the better determination of Personal Actions depending upon Accounts.

An Act for amending an Act entituled an Act directing the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Abraham De Peyster Esqr deceased, late Treasurer of this Colony, and Frederick De Peyster Esqr, to deliver all Publick Monies in their Hands to the present Treasurer of this Colony and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to empower the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major Part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding Sixteen hundred Pounds for the Uses therein mentioned.

An Act to suspend an Act entituled An Act for the more effectual preventing of Fires and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New York and to indemnify such Persons as have incurred the Penalties mentioned in the said Act.

An Act further to increase the Number of Firemen in the City of New York.

An Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being, or the Major Part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty Pounds for the Uses therein mentioned.

An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for regulating, clearing and further laying out publick Highways throughout the City and County of Albany.

An Act for the preservation and Translation of the Dutch Records of the City and County of Albany.

An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady, the Sum of two hundred and twenty Seven Pounds ten shillings and the further Sum of forty four Pounds twelve shillings to and for the Uses therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Manor of Livingston to choose an additional Assessor and two Constables.

An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale, which shall be made and executed after the first day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine in the Counties therein mentioned.

An Act to amend an Act entituled, an Act for the more effectual destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Ulster, Dutches and Orange.

An Act for the Releif of the Poor in the Counties of Ulster and Orange, and to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns and Precincts thereof, to elect Overseers of the Poor at their annual Meetings.

An Act to ascertain part of the Southern and Western Boundaries of the County of West Chester, and the Eastern Boundaries of the County of Orange, and part of the Northern Bounds of Queens County.

An Act to appoint an Inspector of Hemp in the County of West Chester.

An Act to amend an Act entituled an Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of West Chester, to elect two additional Constables, and also to impower the Inhabitants of the said Manor to choose an additional Number of Overseers of the Highways.

An Act to enable the Supervisors of Orange County to raise the Sum of four hundred and Ninety five Pounds Seventeen Shillings due from the said County, on Account of the necessary and contingent Charges thereof.

An Act to prevent the Use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in the County of Orange.

An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marbletown in the County of Ulster, and in the Precincts of Goshen and Cornwal in the County of Orange.

An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond.

An Act for the more effectual Extinguishment of Fires near the Ferry in the Township of Breucklin in Kings County.

An Act to prevent Disputes and Confusion in the Township of Marbletown in the County of Ulster.

An Act for Naturalizing Coenrad Shol, Philip Smith, Adam Bangel, Henry Smith, Jacob Flander, Johannes Shol, John Smith, Leanhart Cratser, Conrad Heyney, Henry Hearing, Philip Kole, Fredrick Heyney, Johannes Horteg, William Sobell, William Tiegel, Christoffel Miller, Dirck Van Ingen, Christoffell Sheerham, Baltzer Kern, John Wendell, Jacob Klyn, Coenradt Klyn, Jacob Klyn junior, Johannes Felta, Thomas Kemp, Henry Redecker, John Kaine, and Michael Salsbergh.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual Manner, and
His Excellency the Governor having left the Council Chamber
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Monday next at 5 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday, the second day of January, 1769.* Post Meridiem.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General & Governor in Chief of this province came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency the Governor was pleased to Dissolve the General Assembly of this Province, by a Speech in the words following, vizt.

Gentlemen,

The Address presented to me on the 23^d of November last, in answer to my Message concerning the Riot which was insolently attempted in this City since the Meeting of the House of Assembly, gave me the most Sanguine Expectations, that the present Session would have terminated with Honour to yourselves and real Benefit to your Constituents. The general Abhorrence without Doors, of all immoderate Measures, confirmed me in these Sentiments; and it is with the utmost concern I am now under the Necessity of expressing myself in Terms, as painful and disagreable to me, as they possibly can be to the House.

The extraordinary Nature of certain Resolves lately entered on your Journals, some flatly repugnant to the Laws of Great Britain, and others with an apparent Tendency to give Offence where common Prudence would avoid it, have put it out of my power to continue this Assembly any longer.

I observe by your Journals that you have prepared Representations of the State of the Colony, to be presented to his Majesty; Claims that respect the Supremacy of Great Britain, are of so important and delicate a Nature, that every Motive of Duty and Interest, urge you at this critical Juncture to avoid Offence, and conciliate a favourable Audience to your Petitions: From the late Assurances you gave me, I hope they are expressed in such Terms of Decency and Respect as may recommend them to the Royal Ear and merit the Attention of the Parliament.

For my own part, I have steadily aimed at, and shall still continue my Endeavours to promote the prosperity of the Colony, and I cannot help lamenting that you have suffered an intemperate Heat so far to prevail in your House, that my Duty forbids me to countenance your present Conduct; for, after you had once resolved to lay your case before his Majesty, it must evidently appear that the measures you have since pursued, were not only unnecessary, but in the present Exigency of Affairs dangerous to the Colony.

I still entertain so good an Opinion of the House in General, that I am willing to impute these Proceedings to Error, and shall in my Representations of them to his Majesty place them in the properest Light to prevent as far as lays in my Power, any unfavourable Misconceptions of the People committed to my Care, and do that Justice which is required at my Hands, to the Many who have the real Interest of the Country at Heart, and who have wished to see fairer Prospects of Advantage derived to the Community from your Session, than the Conclusion of it seems to promise. I do now in his Majesty's name DISSOLVE this Assembly, and this Assembly is hereby DISSOLVED accordingly.

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* The date in the Manuscript is 2d December, 1768; manifestly a clerical error.

PROVINCE of *New York.* } *ss.*

MEMORANDUM *the* Writts *having issued for the Election of* Representatives *to serve in a* General Assembly *of the said* Province *of* New York *thereby appointed to be held at the City of* New York *on the* fourteenth *Day of* February *in the* year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and Sixty Nine, *in the* Ninth *year of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth.*

The Council met accordingly on the said fourteenth day of February in the Council Chamber in the City Hall in the City aforesaid.

PRESENT *The Honoble* { DANIEL HORSMANDEN, JOHN WATTS, OLIVER DE LANCEY, JOSEPH READE, ROGER MORRIS, HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

Where being assembled together with such of the Representatives returned to serve in the said General Assembly as attended on the same Day in the Assembly Chamber: His Majesty's Writ Patent under the Great Seal of the said Province, proroguing the said General Assembly so appointed to be held on this fourteenth day of February as aforesaid, until the fourth Day of April now next ensuing, was by the Deputy Clerk of the Council read in the words following

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland, KING Defender of the Faith and so forth.

To Our Welbeloved and Faithful the Members of Our Council of Our Province of New York: And to Our Beloved and Faithful the Representatives of Our said Province Called and elected to begin and hold a General Assembly of Our said Province at Our City of New York on the fourteenth, day of February now next ensuing and to each of you

GREETING:

WHEREAS We had ordained that the said General Assembly should be held at the Day and Place aforesaid, and had commanded you by our several Writs to be present at the City and on the Day aforesaid to assist our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province in the said General Assembly of our said Province. Nevertheless for certain Causes and Considerations us hereunto especially moving, We have thought fit to prorogue and We do hereby prorogue the said General Assembly until the *fourth* day of *April* now next ensuing: so that neither you nor any of you be held or compelled to appear on the said *fourteenth* day of *February* at the City aforesaid; For we do will that you and each of you thereof towards us be discharged. Commanding and by these presents firmly enjoining you and every of you and all others in this Part interested that on the said *fourth* day of *April* at the aforesaid City of New York you personally appear and be present to assist our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in the General Assembly aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these our Letters to be made patent. WITNESS our Trusty and Welbeloved Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same. At our Fort in our City of *New York* the *thirty first* day of *January* One thousand seven hundred and sixty nine, in the *Ninth* year of our Reign.

H: MOORE.

Passed the Secretary's Office
CLARKE.

THIRTY-FIRST ASSEMBLY FIRST SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the* fourth *day of* April, *in the* Ninth year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth: and in the* year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty Nine.

The General Assembly standing prorogued to this Day
The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT—*The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief of this province, being come to the Council Chamber,

The Speaker left the Chair, and

His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of such of the Representatives returned to serve in this present General Assembly as had taken and subscribed the Oaths and repeated and subscribed the Declaration appointed by Law.

Twenty four of the Representatives so qualifyed appearing accordingly in the Council Chamber his Excellency the Governor was pleased to direct them to return to the Assembly Chamber and choose a speaker, and present him immediately for his Excellency's approbation.

The Members of the General Assembly sworn as aforesaid being returned to the Council Chamber, acquainted his Excellency that in pursuance of his Direction, they had chosen John Cruger Esqr, as their Speaker, whom they now presented for his Excellency's approbation.

His Excellency having declared his approbation of the said John Cruger Esqr, as Speaker of the House of General Assembly,

Mr Speaker addressing himself to his Excellency, after a short apology expressing his own Inabilities, desired in Behalf of the whole House that their Words and Actions might always meet with a favourable Construction. That the Members might from time to time have free access to his Excellency ; and that they and their servants might have the usual privileges and Protection : To which his Excellency was pleased to answer, that they might depend on being maintained in all their Rights and priviledges, as fully and amply as they had at any time heretofore enjoyed them.

His Excellency the Governor then made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another Copy to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Excellency the Governor and the House of General Assembly having left the Council Chamber,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be read.

Then the Speech was read and ordered to be entered in the Journal of this House, and the same is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly

The services for the Current year having in a great Measure been provided for, I shall avoid laying before you any Thing which might prolong your session at this inconvenient season, and confine myself intirely to such Matters as will require your immediate attention.

The present method of appointing an agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Colony in England, being liable to many objections, I have it in command to recommend to you the Rule observed in the West India Islands, Virginia, Carolina and Georgia as the only proper and constitutional

Mode by which any Person can be sufficiently authorised to represent the Province and to act for it in all Matters which concern its Interest in general; This has been usually done by an Act of the Governor Council and Assembly, specially pass'd for that purpose, which practice has been formerly adopted here.

A Regulation of this kind so evidently appears to be calculated for the publick Benefit, as to require nothing farther to be said in support of it, and a Deviation from the mode approved of in other Colonies, may in future create great Difficulty and Disappointment in transacting the affairs of this Province both in office and Parliament.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

By the Barrack Masters Accounts, which I have directed to be laid before you, it will appear that the greatest part of the sum granted in the last Session for the support of his Majesty's Troops in this Province, was employed in paying off a considerable arrearage due to several persons for Necessaries furnished by them, some time before the commencement of the session in which that appropriation was made. This obliges me to lay the present Deficiency before you, and to recommend such additional provision to be made as may be adequate to the service required.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly

Whatever you may have to propose during the Course of your session for the publick Benefit, will always meet with the readiest Concurrence on my Part, and I shall be happy to co-operate with you in every Measure for promoting his Majesty's service and the advantage of the Province.

H: MOORE.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr De Lancey then moved that an humble Address might be presented by this House to his Excellency in answer to his Speech, which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe, Mr Wallace and Mr White be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a Draft of the said Address, and that they prepare and bring in the same to Morrow Morning.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 10 o clock.

Wednesday, the fifth day of April, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to be presented by this House to his Excellency in answer to his Speech reported that the Committee had prepared the same, which he read in his place, and then delivered the said Draft in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being amended was

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governor was read and approved of.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the said Address, and the Speaker having signed the same accordingly

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey and Mr Apthorpe do wait on his Excellency the Governor, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their humble Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned reported, that they had waited on his Excellency the Governor and delivered the said Message, and that his Excellency had been pleased to say he would receive the Address of this House immediately in the Council Chamber in Fort George.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with

The Council proceeded to the Council Chamber in Fort George to present the humble Address of this House to his Excellency the Governor; and being returned,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the Council attended his Excellency and presented to him the Address of this House, his Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Journal of this House which are as follow

To his Excellency Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral to the same.

The humble ADDRESS of the Council of the province of New York.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Council of the province of New York, return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your Speech.

We shall readily concur in any Measure necessary to render the Office of Agent to sollicit the Affairs of the Colony in Great Britain more efficacious, and to prevent any Difficulties or Disappointments to which it may be liable.

Sensible of your Excellency's attention to the publick Welfare, we shall at all Times most chearfully co-operate with you in promoting His Majesty's Service and the prosperity of the Province.

By Order of the Council

New York 5th April 1769. DANL HORSMANDEN Speaker.

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen,

I return you my hearty Thanks for your Address, and the Assurances you have given me of your Readiness to promote the publick Service.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday the Nineteenth Instant at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Wednesday, the nineeteenth day of April, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr De Lancey with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive and continue An Act entituled "An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York"] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled "An Act to prevent the Use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in Orange County" and for extending the same with such Amendments to Ulster County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brinckerhoff and Colonel Philipse with the Bill Entituled [An Act for dividing Beekmans Precinct in Dutches County into two Precincts the one to be called Beekman's and the other Pawlings Precinct] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered, a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Mynderse and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady the sum of two hundred and forty two pounds eighteen shillings and five pence one farthing and the farther sum of forty four pounds twelve shillings for the Uses therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Witt and Mr Brinckerhoff with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend and explain the thirteenth section of an Act entituled "An Act to divide the southern part of the County of Ulster into precincts, and to enable the Corporation of Kingston and the Manor of Fox Hall to chuse and elect one Supervisor more, and for regulating the Supervisors and Assessors within the said County"] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday the twentieth day of April, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive and continue An Act entituled "An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York"] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled "An Act to prevent the use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in Orange County" and for extending the same with such Amendments to Ulster County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for dividing Beekmans Precinct in Dutches County into two precincts the one to be called Beekman's and the other Pawling's Precinct] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady the sum of two hundred and forty two pounds eighteen shillings and five pence one farthing, and the further sum of forty four pounds twelve shillings for the uses therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend and explain the thirteenth section of an Act entituled "An Act to divide the southern part of the County of Ulster into Precincts, and to enable the Corporation of Kingston and the Manor of Fox Hall to chuse and elect one Supervisor more, and for regulating the Supervisors and Assessors within the said County"] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty first day of April 1769

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker.

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to revive & continue an Act entituled "An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York"] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill,

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled "An Act to prevent the use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in Orange County" and for extending the same with such Amendments to Ulster County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for dividing Beekmans Precinct in Dutches County into two precincts, the one to be called Beekman's and the other Pawlings precinct] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady the sum of Two hundred and forty two Pounds eighteen shillings and five pence one farthing, and the farther sum of forty four pounds twelve shillings for the uses therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend and explain the thirteenth section of an Act entituled "An Act to divide the southern part of the County of Ulster into precincts, and to enable the Corporation of Kingston and the Manor of Fox Hall to chuse and elect one Supervisor more, and for regulating the Supervisors and Assessors within the said County"] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the twenty fifth day of April, 1769.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
JOSEPH READE,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Schuyler and Mr Tenbroeck with the Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to provide for necessary Highways in the County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Broeck and Mr Gale with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Renselaerwyck to elect six Assessors, three Collectors, eight Constables, two Clerks, Pound masters, Fence Viewers and Surveyors of the Highways] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Thursday next at 11 o Clock in the morning.

Thursday, the twenty seventh day of April, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive and continue An Act entituled "An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York"] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled "An Act to prevent the use of spirituous Liquors at Vendues in Orange County" and for extending the same with such Amendments to Ulster County] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for dividing Beekmans Precinct in Dutches County into two Precincts, the one to be called Beekmans and the other Paulings Precinct] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady the sum of two hundred and forty two Pounds eighteen Shillings and five pence one farthing, and the further

sum of Forty four pounds twelve shillings for the uses therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend and explain the thirteenth section of an Act entituled "An Act to divide the Southern part of the County of Ulster into precincts and to enable the Corporation of Kingston and the Manor of Fox Hall to chuse and elect one Supervisor more, and for regulating the Supervisors and Assessors within the said County] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Philipse and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of the County of Westchester to raise the Arrears of Taxes due from the said County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Billop with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled "An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned"] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brinckerhoff and Col. Woodhull with the Bill Entituled [An Act to compel the late Treasurer of the County of Dutches to account for divers sums of Money which have heretofore been received by him by virtue of two certain Acts of the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and General Assembly of this Colony of New York one of them entituled [An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] made and passed in the twenty eighth year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second and the other entituled [An Act to continue an Act entituled "An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York with some Additions thereto] made and passed in the twenty ninth year of his late Majesty King George the Second] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to provide for necessary Highways in the County of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Renselaerwyck to elect six Assessors, three Collectors, eight Constables, two Clerks, Pound Masters, Fence Viewers, and Surveyors of the Highways] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty eighth day of April, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of the County of Westchester to raise the Arrears of Taxes due from the said County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled "An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to compel the late Treasurer of the County of Dutches to account for divers sums of Money which have heretofore been received by him by virtue of two certain Acts of the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and General Assembly of this Colony of New York, one of them intituled [An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] passed in the twenty eighth year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, and the other intituled [An Act to continue An Act intituled "An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York with some Additions thereto] passed in the twenty ninth year of his late Majesty King George the Second] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the second day of May, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*^{ble} DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^{r}
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^{r} De Lancey and Colonel Woodhull with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better and more effectual collecting of Taxes in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Mynderse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend an Act intituled "An Act more effectually to prevent the killing of Deer and firing of Woods within this Colony" and also to amend An Act intituled "An Act to prevent the Destruction of Deer by Blood Hounds or Beagles in the Counties of Albany Ulster and Orange," so far as the said two Acts respect the Counties of Ulster and Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Jauncey with the Bill Entituled [An Act declaring that all Persons of foreign Birth heretofore inhabiting within this Colony, and dying seized of any Lands Tenements or Hereditaments shall be for ever hereafter deemed taken and esteemed to have been naturalized; and for naturalizing all Protestants of foreign Birth now inhabiting within this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Seaman and Mr Kissam with the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the Value of Ten Pounds and under and for suspending an Act therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^{r} De Witt and Col Schuyler with the Bill Entituled [An Act to settle and ascertain the Northern Limits of the County of Ulster] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill Entituled [An Act for settling the Contested Boundaries between the patented Lands commonly called Cheescocks and Kakiate in the county of Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Renselaerwyck to elect six Assessors, three Collectors, eight Constables, two Clerks, Pound masters, Fence Viewers and Surveyors of the Highways] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of the County of Westchester to raise the Arrears of Taxes due from the said County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled "An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass and cutting the timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till Thursday Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the fourth day of May, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, junr
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

William Wickham Esqr attending without, and having something to offer to this House, he was called in and presented to the House a Petition of Evart Wynkoop and William Dederick

in behalf of themselves and others Inhabitants of the southern part of the County of Albany, setting forth, that the petitioners have been informed that a Bill Entituled [An Act to settle and ascertain the Northern Limits of the County of Ulster] has been sent up to this House for their Concurrence, which the petitioners conceive if passed into a Law will infringe the Prerogative of the Crown and greatly prejudice his Majesty's Rights as well as the Interest of the Petitioners and many others; and therefore humbly praying they may be permitted to take a copy of the said Bill and that a day may be appointed for them to be heard against the same.

And the said William Wickham being withdrawn

Ordered, that the Petitioners be at liberty to take a copy of the said Bill, and that they be heard by themselves or Council against the passing of the same, and that such Hearing be had before this House on Tuesday next.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr De Noyelles with the Bill entituled [An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the fifth day of May, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act declaring that all Persons of foreign Birth heretofore inhabiting within this Colony and dying seized of any Lands Tenements or Hereditaments shall be forever hereafter deemed taken and esteemed to have been naturalized, and for naturalizing all Protestants of foreign Birth now inhabiting within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to impower Justices of the peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the Value of Ten Pounds and under, and for suspending An Act therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to settle and ascertain the Northern Limits of the County of Ulster] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for setling the contested Boundaries between the patented Lands commonly called Cheescocks and Kakiate in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the better and more effectual collecting of Taxes in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled "An Act more effectually to prevent the killing of Deer and firing of woods within this Colony," and also to amend An Act entituled "An Act to prevent the Destruction of Deer by Blood-Hounds or Beagles in the Counties of Albany Ulster and Orange," so far as the said two Acts respect the Counties of Ulster and Orange"] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the sixth day of May, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Schuyler and Colonel Philips with the Bill Entituled [An Act for emitting the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the Payment of the Debts of this Colony and to such publick Exigencies as the Circumstances of this Colony may from time to time render necessary] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Woodhull and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the Highways in the County of Suffolk] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the ninth day of May, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

The Honble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating the sale of Goods to be sold at publick Vendue Auction or Outcry within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Philipse and Mr Billop with the Bill Entituled [An Act for preventing suits being brought in the Supreme Court of this Colony for any sums not exceeding one hundred Pounds] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for emitting the sum of One hundred and Twenty thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan, and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon

to the payment of the Debts of this Colony, and to such publick Exigencies as the Circumstances of this Colony may from Time to Time render necessary] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the Highways in the County of Suffolk] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

William Wickham Esqr of Council for Evert Wynkoop and William Dederick, Petitioners in behalf of themselves and others against the Bill brought to this House from the General Assembly entituled [An Act to settle and ascertain the Northern Limits of the County of Ulster] attending without in order to be heard against the said Bill, according to the Order of this House on the fourth Instant, the said William Wickham was called in, and the Doors being set open, and the said William Wickham having been fully heard as to the objections against the passing of the said Bill withdrew.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o Clock.

Wednesday, the tenth day of May, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating the sale of Goods to be sold at publick Vendue Auction or Outcry within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for preventing suits being brought in the Supreme Court of this Colony for any sums not exceeding one hundred Pounds] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to compel the late Treasurer of the County of Dutches to account for divers sums of Money which have heretofore been received by him by virtue of two certain Acts of the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and General Assembly of this Colony of New York, one of them intituled [An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] made and passed in the twenty eighth year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second; and the other intituled [An Act to continue An Act intituled "An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York with some additions thereto] made and passed in the twenty ninth year of his late Majesty King George the Second] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better and more effectual collecting of Taxes in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Delancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said two Bills without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled [An Act more effectually to prevent the killing of Deer, and firing of woods within this Colony] and also to amend An Act intituled [An Act to prevent the Destruction of Deer by Blood hounds or Beagles in the Counties of Albany Ulster & Orange] so far as the said two Acts respect the Counties of Ulster and Orange] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for setling the contested Boundaries between the patented Lands commonly called Cheescocks and Kakiate in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Philipse and Col. Schuyler desiring to know what progress this House have made in the Bill Entituled [An Act more effectually to provide for necessary Highways in the County of Albany]

In Answer to the said Message

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that the said Bill hath been twice Read and is now under Commitment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to Amend and render more effectual An Act entituled "An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and executed after the first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Woodhull and Captain Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled "An Act for fixing the places of Elections of Representatives in Orange and Suffolk Counties" so far as the same relates to the County of Suffolk] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the Highways in the County of Suffolk] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to empower Justices of the peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the Value of Ten pounds and under, and for suspending an Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o Clock.

Thursday, the eleventh day of May, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend and render more effectual An Act entituled "An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made & executed after the first day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Fifty four"] was read the second time &

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled [An Act for fixing the places of Election of Representatives in Orange and Suffolk Counties] so far as the same relates to the County of Suffolk] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Mr Smith junr took his Seat.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Schuyler and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable every Church or Congregation of Reformed Protestants, that are or hereafter may be set up in that part of this Colony which lies to the Northward of the Counties of Dutches and Ulster without Discrimination, to take and hold real Estates to the Value of one hundred Pounds Sterling ℔ Annum, given to them for the support of the Gospel, and for the use of Schools for the Instruction of youth] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to settle and ascertain the Northern Limits of the County of Ulster] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker then put the Question

Whether the said Bill should be read the third time? and

It passed in the Negative.

The Speaker then put the Question

Whether the said Bill should be rejected? and

It passed in the Affirmative.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

Dissentient

I. Because the Law of this Colony passed on the first day of October 1691 intitled [An Act to divide the Province and Dependencies into Shires and Counties] is so ambiguously worded in the Clauses for ascertaining the Bounds of the Counties of Albany and Ulster, as to give rise for two Constructions relative to the Partition between them on the side of Hudson's River, which are so wide from each other, that if they are to be extended westerly to Delaware River; there are several hundred thousand acres between them, subject to a doubtful Jurisdiction.

II. Because there are many ancient and valuable Settlements on the Lands affected by this uncertainty, which has for many years past been a fruitfull Source of Contention between the Inhabitants of that Quarter, and exposes Officers and Ministers of Justice, to Expence, Damage and many Inconveniencies.

III. Because as the innumerable ill Consequences both to the Crown and the Subject of a doubtful Jurisdiction created by Act of Legislation, cannot be removed by less than a Legislative Authority, and this is the first Bill that has been passed by the House of Assembly for that purpose with respect to the Counties of Albany and Ulster, since his Excellency General Monckton's Message relating to the Inconveniencies of a doubtful Jurisdiction on the 24th of November 1762, I think this opportunity ought to have been embraced for curing the Defects of the old County Act above mentioned, which have been recommended by the present Governor to the attention of the Assembly, more than once, and were strongly urged by his Speech of the 18th of November 1767, the Mischiefs of which Defects are likely to increase, more especially since no meer Act of Government can apply an adequate Remedy.

Lastly. Because the Partition between the two Counties intended to be ascertained and established by this Bill by virtue of an express Clause, could neither prejudice nor affect any private Titles, nor as I conceive be in the least Degree injurious to the Rights of the Crown, but on the Contrary had it passed into a Law would have conduced to the restoration of Harmony among the Inhabitants living near the contested Borders, and releived the Magistrates and Officers of both Counties from many Difficulties to which they are exposed, and for these good Ends alone I suppose the present General Assembly have sent up the Bill now rejected.

Wm Smith, Junr.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for regulating the Sale of Goods to be sold at publick Vendue Auction or Outcry within this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith junr do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twelfth day of May, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honbls* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Charles Ward Apthorpe,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
William Smith, junr,
Henry Cruger,
Hugh Wallace,
Henry White, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable every Church or Congregation of Reformed Protestants that are or hereafter may be set up in that part of this Colony, which lies to the Northward of

the Counties of Dutches and Ulster, without Discrimination, to take and hold Real Estate to the value of One hundred pounds Sterling per annum given to them for the support of the Gospel and for the use of Schools for the Instruction of Youth] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Dissentient

First. Because the Bill is so inaccurately expressed that without the amendments proposed while it was under Commitment, it will be subject to doubtfull Interpretation, particularly as to the Security of the Officers Reward on an Exportation by the Manufacturer, and the acquisition of one half from the Vender upon an Examination after Sale, and as to the person or persons who are to have Costs and Charges upon an Award, and the power to settle them, and as to the nature and Quantum of those Costs and Charges.

Secondly. Because this Bill by giving authority to the Inspector to search all Vessels at discretion, without excepting small Vessels passing to the neighbouring Colonies, and without any Restraint as to the time and manner of searching Vessels bound beyond Sea, and without oath first made stating the grounds of suspicion, and the controling interposition of a Magistrate, or any provision against Despotism, Wantoness or a vexatious Search, by a Recompence in Damages to owners of Vessels and others; will expose Merchants to Embarrassments and Loss, establish a dangerous Precedent, be detrimental to Commerce, and in some degree obstruct the main design of this Bill in the Encouragement of a new Product, which is already become a very valuable Branch of our Trade.

Wm Smith, Junr.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act more effectually to provide for necessary Highways in the County of Albany] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker then put the Question

Whether the said Bill should be read the Third time? and

It passed in the negative.

The Speaker then put the Question

Whether the said Bill should be rejected? and

It passed in the Affirmative.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend an Act intituled "An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o Clock.

Saturday, the thirteenth day of May, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act declaring that all Persons of foreign Birth heretofore inhabiting within this Colony and dying seized of any Lands Tenements or Hereditaments shall be forever hereafter deemed taken and esteemed to have been naturalized and for naturalizing all Protestants of foreign Birth now inhabiting within this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the same was again read, and the Amendment being agreed to,

Ordered, that the said Amendment be engrossed, and being engrossed,

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do carry the Bill with the Amendment made thereto by this House, to the General Assembly and acquaint them that this House have passed the Bill with the said Amendment to which they desire the Concurrence of that House.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Jauncey with the said Bill, and the amendment made thereto by this House, acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendment and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended accordingly by striking out the whole of the Title of the said Bill and inserting instead thereof the following Title to the Bill.

An Act to confirm Estates claimed by or under Aliens.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Brinkerhoff with the Bill Entituled [An Act for making a further provision of eighteen hundred Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Witt and Col Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled "An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and M^r De Noyelles with the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing Garret Schotler, John Brunckhorst, John Samler, Michael Srum, Joseph Steirer, Daniel Duchemin, Adrian De Ronde, Mattheus De Ronde, John Cherbacher, Jachen Christian Schaltz, Johan Jacob Stapell, Philip Oswald, John Sticklen, William Cline, Coenraed Wolf, George Powers, Michael Heneger, Anthony Apple, Francis Ortman, John Hill, Anthony Dodine, John Michael Richers, Daniel Sleght, Piere Eugene Du Simitiere, Jacob Moses, John Brooks, Jubaliste Du Puy, Honore Marsequie, Louis Faugeres, Charles Freidenbergh, and George Woolrice] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the sixteenth day of May, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
JOSEPH READE,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Woodhul and Mr Jauncey with the Bill Entituled [An Act to exempt all Protestants in the Counties of West Chester, New York, Queens and Richmond from any Taxation for the support of the Ministers of the Gospel] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for naturalizing Garret Schotler, John Brunckhorst, John Samler Michael Srum, Joseph Steirer, Daniel Duchemin, Adrian De Ronde, Matheus De Ronde, John Cherbacker, Jachen Christian Schaltz, Johan Jacob Stapell, Philip Oswald, John Sticklen, William Cline, Coenraed Wolf, George Powers, Michael Kenegar, Anthony Apple, Francis Ortman, John Hill, Anthony Dodine, John Michael Richers, Daniel Sleght, Pierre Eugene Du Simitiere, Jacob Moses, John Brooks, Jubaliste Du Puy, Honore Marsequie, Louis Faugeres, Charles Freidenbergh and George Woolrice] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the eighteenth day of May, 1769.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Colonel Seaman with the Bill Entituled [An Act for making certifyed copies of Deeds and Papers recorded in the several offices therein mentioned legal Evidence in the several Courts of Record within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Rapalje with the Bill Entituled [An Act to explain and amend An Act entituled "An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly" made and passed the Eighth of May one thousand six hundred and ninety nine in the eleventh year of King William the third] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Colonel Philipse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to make Gold and Silver Coin a lawful Tender under certain Regulations] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Mr Brinkerhoff with the Bill Entituled [An Act for improving the Manufactory of sole Leather in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for preventing Suits being brought in the Supreme Court of this Colony for any sums not exceeding one hundred Pounds] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and being agreed to, the amendments were ordered to be Engrossed and being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do carry the said Bill with the amendments made thereto by this House, to the General Assembly and acquaint them that this House have passed the Bill with the said amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of that House.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled, [An Act to amend An Act entituled "An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks"] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for making a further Provision of Eighteen hundred Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the nineteenth Day of May, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*[ble] DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq[r], Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun[r],
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to exempt all Protestants in the Counties of West Chester, New York, Queens and Richmond from any Taxation for the Support of the Ministers of the Gospel] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for making certifyed copies of Deeds and papers recorded in the several offices therein mentioned, legal Evidence in the several Courts of Record within this Colony] was read the second time &

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to explain and amend An Act entituled "An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly" made and passed the eighth of May One thousand six hundred and ninety nine in the eleventh year of King William the third] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to make Gold and Silver Coin a lawful Tender under certain Regulations] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for improving the Manufactory of Soal Leather in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for emitting the Sum of one hundred and Twenty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony and to such publick Exigencies as the Circumstances of this Colony may from Time to Time render necessary] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M[r] Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M[r] Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M[r] Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by M[r] Thomas and Cap[t] De Lancey with the Bill Entituled [An Act for preventing Suits being brought in the Supreme Court of this Colony for any sums not exceeding One hundred Pounds] with the Amendments made thereto by this

House, acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by striking out the Words *One hundred* in the third Line of the Title, and in the Lines seventeen and twenty five of the first page, and the Lines Eight, Fourteen & Eighteen of the second page of the Bill, and instead thereof inserting the Word *Fifty*.

The Council adjourned till 5 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Friday, the Nineteenth day of May, 1769. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono*[ble] JOHN WATTS, Esq[r], Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun[r],
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing Garret Schotler, John Brunckhorst, John Samler, Michael Srum, Joseph Steirer, Daniel Duchemin, Adrian De Ronde, Matheus De Ronde, John Cherbacker, Jachen Christian Schaltz, Johan Jacob Stapell, Philip Oswald, John Sticklen, William Cline, Coenraed Wolf, George Powers, Michael Kenegar, Anthony Apple, Francis Ortman, John Hill, Anthony Dodine, John Michael Richers, Daniel Sleght, Pierre Eugene Du Simitiere, Jacob Moses, John Brooks, Jubaliste Du Puy, Honore Marsequie, Louis Faugeres, Charles Freidenbergh and George Woolrice] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M[r] Smith junior from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to make Gold and Silver Coin a Lawful Tender under certain Regulations] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M[r] Smith junior from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M[r] Smith junior do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to explain and amend An Act Entituled An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly made and passed the eighth of May One thousand six hundred and Ninety nine in the eleventh year of King William the Third ;] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M[r] Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

DISSENTIENT

1. Because the Bill if it passes into a Law (so far as it respects non resident electors) countenances Doubts concerning a Right of voting for Representatives, which Right is essential to Liberty clearly established by sound Exposition, and invariably allowed.

2. Because incapacitating non Residents from representing their Electors is an alteration of the Election Act of 1699 (the first section of which is nearly similar to the Statute of the 8th of H. VI., Cap 7) is repugnant to the constant usage of Parliament, and the general practice of the Assembly for near seventy years past, abridges the Right of Electors in all the Counties, and may be very prejudicial to the City and County of New York in particular, where it is for many reasons most probable the greater number of non Resident Members would reside; and is the more unreasonable with respect to the City, since this Capital sends only four out of twenty seven Members, tho' it bears one third part of the Burden in all Publick Levies.

Wm SMITH junr.

The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for improving the Manufactory of Soal Leather in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.
Mr Smith junior moved that the Committee to whom the Bill entituled [An Act to enable every Church or Congregation of Reformed Protestants, that are or hereafter may be set up in that part of this Colony which lies to the Northward of the Counties of Dutchess and Ulster without discrimination, to take and hold real Estates to the Value of one hundred Pounds sterling per Annum, given to them for the support of the Gospel and for the use of Schools for the instruction of Youth] was Committed should make Report thereon, and
The Question being put
Whether the Committee should Report upon the Bill?
It passed in the Negative.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act to exempt all Protestants in the Counties of West Chester, New York, Queens and Richmond from any Taxation for the Support of the Ministers of the Gospel] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Cruger from the Committee of the Whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
The Speaker put the Question
Whether the said Bill should be read the third time?
And it passed in the Negative.
The Speaker then put the Question
Whether the said Bill should be rejected?
And it passed in the Affirmative.
Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

DISSENTIENT.—*W. Smith junior.*

The Council adjourned till to Morrow afternoon 5 o Clock.

Saturday, the twentieth day of May, 1769. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*[ble] DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esq[r], Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun[r],
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber, the Speaker leaving the Chair, His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of both Houses was pleased to give his Assent to twenty Bills the titles whereof are as follow

An Act for making a further provision of eighteen hundred pounds for furnishing his Majestys Troops quartered in this Colony with necessaries.

An Act to impower Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen to try causes to the value of Ten Pounds and under and for suspending an Act therein mentioned.

An Act for preventing suits being brought in the Supreme Court of this Colony for any sums not exceeding Fifty pounds.

An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

An Act to explain and amend An Act entituled [An Act for regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly] made and passed the eighth of May one thousand six hundred and ninety nine in the eleventh year of King William the third.

An Act to amend An Act entituled [An Act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false Taring of Bread and Flour Casks.]

An Act for regulating the sale of Goods to be sold at publick Vendue, Auction or Outcry within this Colony.

An Act for the better and more effectual Collecting of Taxes in the City of New York.

An Act to enable the Supervisors of the county of West Chester to raise the Arrears of Taxes due from the said County.

An Act for dividing Beekmans Precinct in Dutches County into two Precincts, the one to be called Beekmans and the other Paulings Precinct.

An Act to amend An Act entituled [An Act more effectually to prevent the killing of Deer, and firing of Woods within this Colony] and also to amend An Act entituled [An Act to prevent the destruction of Deer by Bloodhounds or Beagles in the Counties of Albany Ulster and Orange] so far as the said two Acts respect the Counties of Ulster and Orange.

An Act to compel the late Treasurer of the County of Dutches to account for divers sums of money, which have heretofore been received by him, by virtue of two certain Acts of the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and General Assembly of this Colony of New York, one of them entituled [An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] made and passed in the twenty eighth year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, and the other entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled "An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York with some Additions thereto] made and passed in the twenty ninth year of his late Majesty King George the Second.

An Act to amend and explain the thirteenth Section of An Act entituled [An Act to divide the Southern part of the County of Ulster into Precincts, and to enable the Corporation of Kingston and the Manor of Fox Hall, to chuse and elect one Supervisor more, and for regulating the Supervisors and the Assessors within the said County.]

An Act further to continue the several Acts therein mentioned respecting the Highways in the County of Suffolk.

An Act further to continue An Act entituled [An Act to restrain the feeding and burning the Grass, and cutting the Timber on certain Beaches and Islands therein mentioned.]

An Act to amend An Act entituled [An Act to prevent the use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in Orange County] and for extending the same with such Amendments to Ulster County.

An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady, the sum of two hundred and forty two Pounds, eighteen Shillings and five Pence one farthing, and the further sum of forty four Pounds twelve Shillings for the uses therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Renselaerwyck to elect six Assessors, three Collectors, eight Constables, two Clerks, Pound Masters, Fence Viewers and Surveyors of the Highways.

An Act for naturalizing Garret Schotler, John Brunckhorst, John Samler, Michael Srum, Joseph Steirer, Daniel Duchemin, Adrian De Ronde, Matheus De Ronde, John Cherbacker, Jachen Christian Schaltz Johan Jacob Stapell, Philip Oswald, John Sticklen, William Cline, Coenraed Wolf, George Powers, Michael Kenegar, Anthony Apple, Francis Ortman, John Hill, Anthony Dodine, John Michael Richers, Daniel Sleght, Pierre Eugene Du Simitiere, Jacob Moses, John Brooks, Jubaliste Du Puy, Honore Marsequie, Louis Faugeres, Charles Freidenbergh and George Woolrice.

An Act for Setling the contested Boundaries between the Patented Lands commonly called Cheescocks and Kakiate in the County of Orange.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner, and his Excellency the Governor was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to Thursday the sixth day of July next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCV., 119.]

By His Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province (L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to *Thursday* the *sixth* day of *July* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly to *Tuesday* the *fifth* day of *September* now next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein, are required to take Notice, and to Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York*, the *fifth* day of *July* one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine, in the *ninth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D. Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCV., 126.]

By his Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Baronet, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *fifth* day of *September* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *Tenth* day of *October* now next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice, and to Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine, in the *ninth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

H: MOORE.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCV., 135.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *tenth* day of *October* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue And I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly to the *fourteenth* day of *November* now next ensuing of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms in *Kings County* on *Nassau Island*, the *twenty ninth* day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine in the *ninth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By his Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCV., 146.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America.*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *fourteenth* day of *November* next I have thought fit for his Majestys service to prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *twenty first* day of *November* now next ensuing, then to meet to proceed upon Business of which all his Majestys subjects concerned therein are required to take notice, and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twentieth* day of *October* one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine in the *ninth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By his Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

THIRTY FIRST ASSEMBLY SECOND SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York, *on* Tuesday *the* twenty first *day of* November, *in the* Tenth year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third, *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty Nine.

The General Assembly having on the twentieth day of May last been prorogued to the sixth day of July following, were from the last mentioned day prorogued by Proclamation under the Seal at Arms as follows — On the fifth of the said Month of July to the fifth day of September, & on the 29th day of August to the Tenth day of October — And the Government of this Colony having by the Death of Sir Henry Moore on the eleventh day of September last, devolved on the Honourable Cadwallader Colden Esquire, his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, his Honour by proclamation under the Seal at Arms dated the twenty ninth day of the said Month of September, prorogued the General Assembly to the fourteenth day of November Instant, and thence by like Proclamation dated the twentieth day of October, to this Day, then to meet to proceed upon Business.

The Council therefore met accordingly.

Present — *The Honourable* Oliver De Lancey, Esquire, Speaker,

Roger Morris,
Henry Cruger,
Hugh Wallace,
Henry White, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, the twenty second day of November, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Honourable Cadwallader Colden Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, being come to the Council Chamber,

The Speaker left the Chair, and

His Honour sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House in the Council Chamber.

And the General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another Copy to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and the General Assembly having left the Council Chamber,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be read.

Then the speech was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Journal of this House, and the same is as follows —

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The Loss which the Province sustains in the Death of the Governor in Chief would be more sensibly felt by me, was I not confident of your ready Assistance and Support in every Measure calculated for the Honour and Interest of the Province.

There is now the greatest Probability that the late Duties imposed by the authority of Parliament, which have operated so much to the Dissatisfaction of the Colonies in general, will be taken off in the ensuing Session. The Prospect of this desirable Event, as it evinces the most favourable Disposition in the parent Kingdom, must afford you the highest satisfaction. And I trust that your Proceedings in the present critical Juncture, will be conducted with such Temper, Moderation and Wisdom, as will manifest your Zeal, to promote the Re-establishment of that mutual Confidence and Affection, on which the Glory and Safety of the British Empire depend.

His Majesty having been pleased to direct that the Regulation of the Trade with the Indian Nations, shall for the future be left to his Colonies, I hope that the Consideration of this important object, in which you have already made some Progress, will be resumed in the course of the Session, and a Law passed effectually to answer his Majesty's gracious Intentions, by establishing such equitable Regulations as may tend to the Improvement of our commercial Advantages, and to preserve the Friendship, and conciliate the Affection of the Natives so essential at all Times to the Tranquility of the Frontiers, and the Prosperity of the Colony.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

By the Accounts to be laid before you, it will appear that the Monies appropriated for furnishing his Majesty's Troops with Necessaries, have been wholly expended, and a large Arrear incurred. My duty therefore obliges me, with the other Supplies usually granted at this Season, to recommend a farther Provision for this necessary service.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The Great Desire I have to promote by every means in my Power, the Welfare and Happiness of the People of this Province, will lead me chearfully to adopt every Measure advancive of his Majestys service, and Beneficial to the Publick; and whatever you shall propose conducive to these salutary Purposes, you may be assured will meet with my ready Concurrence.

New York November 22^{d} 1769. CADWALLADER COLDEN.

Ordered, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr White then moved that an humble Address might be presented by this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his Speech. Which Motion being seconded and agreed to,

Resolved, that an humble Address might be presented to his Honour accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Morris, Mr Wallace and Mr White be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a draft of the said Address, and that they prepare and bring in the same by Fryday next.

The Council adjourned till Friday Morning at eleven of the Clock.

Fryday, the twenty fourth day of November, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr White from the Committee appointed to prepare the draft of an humble Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Answer to his Speech, reported that the Committee had prepared the same, which he read in his place, and then delivered the said Draft in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being amended was agreed to, and

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Engrossed Address to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the said Address and the Speaker having signed the same accordingly,

Ordered, that Mr Wallace and Mr White do wait on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their humble Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned, reported that they had waited on his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and delivered the said Message, and that his Honour had been pleased to say he would receive the Address of this House to Morrow at twelve of the Clock in the Council Chamber in Fort George.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the twenty fifth day of November, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and with

The House proceeded to the Council Chamber in Fort George, to present the humble Address of this House to his Honour the Lieutenant Governor, and being returned,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the House attended his Honour and presented to him the Address of this House, his Honour had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which being read,

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Journals of this House which are as follow,

To the Honourable CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire, his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America.

The humble ADDRESS of the Council of the Province of New York.

May it please your Honour.

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of the Province of New York beg Leave to return you our Thanks for your Speech and the Sentiments you are pleased to entertain of our Zeal for the Honour and Interest of the Colony.

The Loss which the Province sustains in the Death of our late Governor, we shall alleviate as much as possible by a steady Exertion of our best Endeavours, to assist your Honour in promoting every Measure advantageous to the publick.

It will afford us the most solid Satisfaction to see that mutual Confidence and Affection between Great Britain and her Colonies, restored, which has been so greatly interrupted by the Duties lately imposed. An Event so desirable cannot but be highly greateful to his Majesty's American Subjects, and must apparently tend to the Prosperity of the whole British Empire.

To cultivate the Friendship and conciliate the Affections of the Indian Nations by preventing Fraud and Abuse, and dispencing the strictest Justice in our Intercourse with them, we conceive necessary not only to secure to ourselves the Advantages of Commerce, but to preserve that Tranquility on our Frontiers with which the Cultivation and Improvement of the Colony are so intimately connected. We shall therefore chearfully adopt such Measures as may best answer his Majesty's gracious Intentions in committing to the Care of his Colonies, the future Regulation of the Trade with the Indians.

The Great Desire your Honour expresses to promote the welfare of the People of this Province, cannot but be acceptable and you may rest assured of our ready Concurrence in every Thing which may contribute to his Majestys Service and the prosperity of the Colony.

By Order of the Council

New York November 25th 1769. JOHN WATTS, Speaker.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S Answer.

Gentlemen,

I return you my Thanks for this Address, and shall always rely on your Assistance in every Thing which may promote, what I have warmly at Heart, the real Interest and Prosperity of the Colony.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday the sixth day of December at eleven of the Clock in the Morning.

Wednesday, the sixth day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr De Noyelles with the Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Orange, and some Parts of Ulster County, so far as the same relates to Ulster County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time &

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and neat Cattle feeding on Hempstead Plains] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time &

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Kleek and Mr Billop with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act to revive An Act intituled An Act for the better Relief of the Poor in Dutches County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time &

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Woodhull and Mr Jauncey with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns therein mentioned in the County of Suffolk to elect a greater Number of Constables in their respective Townships] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time &

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman & Colonel Woodhull with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act to prevent the digging of Pitts for the taking of Deer in Queens and Suffolk Counties] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, the seventh day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, jun^r,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Orange and some parts of Ulster County, so far as the same relates to Ulster County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and Neat Cattle feeding on Hempstead Plains] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act to revive An Act intituled An Act for the better Relief of the Poor in Dutches County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns therein mentioned in the County of Suffolk to elect a greater number of Constables in their respective Townships] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive an Act intituled An Act to prevent the Digging of Pitts for the taking of Deer in Queens and Suffolk Counties] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning at eleven of the Clock.

Fryday, the eighth day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Orange and some parts of Ulster County, so far as the same relates to Ulster County] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said [Bill] do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and Neat Cattle feeding on Hempstead Plains] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act for the better Relief of the Poor in Dutches County] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The House resolved itself into a Cõmittee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to prevent the digging of Pits for the taking of Deer in Queens and Suffolk Counties] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.
The Council adjourned till Wednesday next at eleven of the Clock in the Morning.

Wednesday, the thirteenth day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General [Assembly] by Mr Walton and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled [An Act to continue an Act intituled An Act for the punishment of Persons in the City of New York who shall by false pretences obtain any Goods Wares or Merchandizes from any person with Intent to cheat or defraud such Person; with an addition thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Mynderse with the Bill entituled [An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Van Kleek with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the better regulating the publick Roads in the City and County of New York and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill be read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Noyelles and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of the County of Orange to hold their annual Meetings at or as near the Centre of said County as conveniently can be for the good of the publick Service] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Nicol with the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent the setting on fire or burning the old Grass on Hempstead Plains with an Addition thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns therein mentioned in the County of Suffolk to elect a greater number of Constables in their respective Townships] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till four of the clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, the thirteenth day of December, 1769. P. M.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the punishment of Persons in the City of New York who shall by false pretences obtain any Goods Wares or Merchandizes from any person with Intent to cheat or defraud such person; with an Addition thereto] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act intituled An Act for the better regulating the publick Roads in the City and County of New York, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of the County of Orange to hold their annual Town Meetings at or near the Center of said County as conveniently can be for the Good of the public Service] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue an Act entituled An Act to prevent the setting on Fire or burning the old Grass on Hempstead Plains; with an Addition thereto] was read the second time and

Ordered to be cōmitted.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, the fourteenth day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Mynderse and Captn De Lancey with the Bill Entituled [An Act empowering the Justices of the Peace living or dwelling in the Township Schenectady in the County of Albany to establish and regulate a Night Watch, appoint Firemen and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Dewitt with the Bill entituled [An Act to continue an Act intituled An Act to revive an Act entituled an Act to empower the Justices of the peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent accidents by Fire in the said Town] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Tenbrook and Mr Clinton with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in that part of the Manner of Renselaerwyck called Claverack] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act for the punishment of Persons in the City of New York who shall by false Pretences obtain any Goods Wares or Merchandizes from any Person with intent to cheat or defraud such person; with an addition thereto] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns therein mentioned in the County of Suffolk, to elect a greater number of Constables in their respective Townships] without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Fires in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of the County of Orange to hold their annual Meetings at or as near the center of said County as conveniently can be for the good of the publick Service] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent the setting on Fire or burning the old Grass on Hempstead Plains; with an addition thereto] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.
The Council adjourned till four of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Thursday, the fourteenth day of December, 1769. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honourable* Daniel Horsmanden, Esquire, Speaker,

John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Charles Ward Apthorpe,
Roger Morris,
Henry Cruger,
Hugh Wallace,
Henry White, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill entituled [An Act empowering the Justices of the peace living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the County of Albany to establish and regulate a Night Watch, appoint Firemen, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to empower the Justices of the peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said county to regulate the streets and Highways, and to prevent accidents by Fire in the said Town] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in that part of the Manor of Renselaerwyck called Claverack] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Fryday the fifteenth day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honourable* John Watts, Esqr, Speaker,

Oliver De Lancey,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
Henry Cruger,
Hugh Wallace,
Henry White, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act empowering the Justices of the peace living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady

in the County of Albany to establish and regulate a Night Watch, appoint Firemen and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue an Act entituled an Act to revive an Act entituled An Act to empower the Justices of the peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways and to prevent accidents by Fire in the said Town] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Cōmittee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in that part of the Manor of Renselaerwyck called Claverack] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said three Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Dewitt and Mr Billop with the Bill Entituled [An Act for charging the care of providing for the relief of the Poor in the Town of Kingston in Ulster County, upon the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the said Town, and for compelling Constables to execute their Offices] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Saturday the sixteenth day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

Present — *The Honourable* Oliver De Lancey, Esquire, Speaker,

Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
Henry Cruger,
Henry White, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for charging the Care of providing for the relief of the Poor in the Town of Kingston in Ulster County, upon the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the said Town and for compelling Constables to execute their offices] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next at eleven of the Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the nineteenth day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Fryday next at eleven of the Clock in the Morning.

Friday, the twenty second day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Dewitt and M^{r} De Lancey with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for the relief of the Poor in the Counties of Ulster & Orange and to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns and precincts the reof to elect Overseers of the Poor at their annual Meetings; so far as the same relates to the County of Ulster] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, the twenty third day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Counties of Ulster and Orange and to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns and Precincts thereof to elect Overseers of the Poor at their annual Meetings; so far as the same relates to the County of Ulster] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council adjourned till Thursday next at eleven of the Clock in the Morning.

Thursday, the twenty eighth day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Van Kleek with the Bill entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy one inclusive] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning eleven of the clock.

Friday, the twenty ninth day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the better regulating the publick Roads in the City and County of New York and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and M^{r} De Lancey with the Bill entituled, [An Act further to continue An Act intituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy one inclusive] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Council adjourned till four of the clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the twenty ninth day of December, 1769. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the Several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning eleven of the clock.

Saturday, the thirtieth day of December, 1769.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy one inclusive] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills, and the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the better regulating the Publick Roads in the City and County of New York, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entituled [An Act for emitting the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on loan and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon, to the payment of the Debts of this Colony and to such publick Exigencies as the Circumstances of this Colony may from time to time render necessary] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Honourable Cadwallader Colden Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of both Houses was pleased to give his Assent to sixteen Bills, the Titles whereof are as follow, vizt

An Act further to continue An Act entituled, An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy one inclusive.

An Act to continue An Act entituled, An Act for the Punishment of Persons in the City of New York, who shall by false pretences obtain any Goods Wares or Merchandizes from any Person with intent to cheat or defraud such Person, with an addition thereto.

An Act to continue An Act intitled An Act for the better regulating the publick Roads in the City and County of New York and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof.

An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires in the City of New York.

An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves in the County of Albany.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accident by Fires in the said Town.

An Act empowering the Justices of the Peace living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the County of Albany to establish and regulate a Night Watch, appoint Firemen and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to prevent damages by Swine in that part of the Manor of Renselaerwyck called Claverack.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act for the better Relief of the Poor in Dutches County.

An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to prevent the Diging of Pitts for the taking of Deer in Queens and Suffolk Counties.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent the setting on Fire or burning the old Grass on Hempstead Plains with an addition thereto.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent the penning and folding of Sheep and Neat Cattle feeding on Hempstead Plains.

An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns therein mentioned in the County of Suffolk to elect a greater number of Constables in their respective Townships.

An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Orange and some parts of Ulster County, so far as the same relates to Ulster County.

An Act to enable the Supervisors of the County of Orange to hold their annual Meetings at or as near the Center of said County as conveniently can be for the Good of the publick service.

After which the said Acts were published as usual and the Council being returned to the Council Chamber,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday next at eleven of the Clock in the Morning.

Wednesday, third day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for emitting the sum of One hundred and twenty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony and to such publick Exigencies as the Circumstances of this Colony may from Time to Time render necessary] was read the second time and

Ordered to be comitted.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Thursday the fourth day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by M[r] Nicoll and M[r] Dewitt with the Bill Entituled [An Act to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M[r] Ten Broeck and M[r] Gale with the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and M[r] Kissam with the Bill Entituled [An Act for making a further provision of two thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act for emitting the sum of One hundred and twenty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony and to such publick Exigencies as the circumstances of the Colony may from Time to Time render necessary] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

M[r] Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill entitled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding sixteen hundred pounds for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till four of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Thursday the fourth day of January, 1770. P. M.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill entituled [An Act to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill entituled [An Act for making a further Provision of two thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one year] was read the second time and
Ordered to be cōmitted.
The Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding sixteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the fifth day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the Major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for making a further Provision of Two thousand pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for One year] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding sixteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Counties of Ulster and Orange and to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns and Precincts thereof to elect Overseers of the Poor at their annual Meetings, so far as the same relates to the County of Ulster] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the said Bill without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Kissam with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue an Act intitled An Act to prevent Frauds by the Adulteration of Pot Ash and Pearl Ash] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time &
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Col. Philipse with the Bill entituled [An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels, and the Rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Honourable Cadwallader Colden Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber.
The General Assembly attending accordingly
His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of both Houses was pleased to give his Assent to five Bills, the Titles whereof are as follow:

An Act for making a further Provision of Two thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops Quartered in this Colony with necessaries for one year.

An Act for emitting the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan, and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony, and to such publick Exigencies as the Circumstances of this Colony may from time to time render necessary.

An Act to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony.

An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding sixteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, for the time being, or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty Pounds for the uses therein mentioned.

After which the said Acts were published as usual, and the Council being returned to the Council Chamber
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned til Wednesday next at Eleven of the Clock in the morning.

Wednesday, the tenth day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Kissam with the Bill Entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act more effectually to prevent the killing of Deer and firing the Woods within this Colony, so far as the same relates to the Counties of Suffolk and Queens] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Broeck and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Accidents by Fire in that part of the Manor of Renselaerwyck therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Woodhull and Mr Van Cortland with the Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Freeholders of the Town of Huntington in the County

of Suffolk to make prudential Orders for the better regulating, collecting and parting their Sheep, feeding on the Plains, and other common Lands in the said Town: and to sell such stray sheep as shall be left at the time of parting] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Mynderse and Mr Rapalje with the Bill entituled [An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds to purchase a Fire Engine Leather Buckets and for other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Gale with the Bill entituled [An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather in the City of New York] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Colonel Schuyler with the Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair the Common and Publick Highways in such Precincts in the County of Ulster as are therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Kissam with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue An Act entituled An Act to prevent Frauds by the adulteration of Pott Ash and Pearl Ash] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue An Act entituled An Act to ascertain the size of Casks in which White Bread shall be packed within the City of New York, and to regulate the manner in which the same shall be sold] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels, and the Rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning eleven of the clock.

Thursday, the eleventh day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquire, Speaker,

JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Noyelles and M^r De Lancey with the Bill entituled [An Act to enable all Persons who are his Majesty's Liege Subjects, either by Birth or Naturalization to Inherit and hold real Estates, notwithstanding any defect of purchases made before naturalization within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act more effectually to prevent the killing of Deer, and firing the Woods within this Colony, so far as the same relates to the Counties of Suffolk and Queens] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Accidents by fire in that part of the Manor of Renselaerwyck therein mentioned] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Freeholders of the Town of Huntington in the County of Suffolk to make prudential Orders for the better regulating collecting and parting their Sheep feeding on the Plains and other common Lands in the said Town, and to sell such stray Sheep as shall be left at the time of parting] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady the sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds to purchase a Fire Engine, Leather Buckets and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather in the City of New York] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair the common and Publick Highways in such Precincts in the County of Ulster as are therein mentioned] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue An Act entituled, An Act to prevent Frauds in the adulteration of Pot Ash and Pearl Ash] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue An Act intituled, An Act to ascertain the size of Casks in which White Bread shall be packed, within the City of New York, and to regulate the manner in which the same shall be sold] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning eleven of the clock.

Friday, the twelfth day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for charging the Care of providing for the relief of the Poor in the town of Kingston in Ulster County upon the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the said Town; and for compelling Constables to execute their offices] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the [third] time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill intituled [An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of ships and other vessels, and the Rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills and the Bill intituled [An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Counties of Ulster and Orange, and to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns and precincts thereof to elect Overseers of the Poor at their annual Meetings; so far as the same relates to the County of Ulster] without any Amendment.

The Bill intituled [An Act to enable all Persons who are his Majesty's liege Subjects either by Birth or Naturalization to inherit and hold real Estates notwithstanding any defect of purchase made before Naturalization within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Billop with the Bill entituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman, and Mr Van Kleek with the Bill entituled [An Act impowering and directing the Treasurer of this Colony to sue for Duties still due to the late Treasurer of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck, and M^{r} De Witt with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the removal of Actions of Ejectment for Lands brought in any of the County Courts to the Supreme Court unless the Lands in Dispute do exceed in Value the sum of five hundred Pounds] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^{r} De Noyelles and Col Philips with the Bill entituled [An Act declaring certain persons therein mentioned incapable of being Members of the General Assembly of this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill entituled [An Act more effectually to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act more effectually to prevent the killing of Deer and firing the Woods within this Colony, so far as the same relates to the Counties of Suffolk and Queens] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Accidents by Fire in that part of the Manor of Renselaerwyck therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills last mentioned without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Freeholders of the Town of Huntington in the County of Suffolk to make prudential Orders for the better regulating collecting and parting their Sheep feeding on the plains and other common Lands in the said Town and to sell such stray Sheep as shall be left at the time of parting] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the Whole House, in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady the sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds to purchase a Fire Engine, Leather Buckets, and for other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the Common and Publick Highways in such precincts in the County of Ulster as are therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have Passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue an Act intituled an Act to Prevent Frauds by the Adulteration of Pot Ash, and Pearl Ash] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue an Act intituled An Act to ascertain the Size of Casks in which White Bread shall be packed within the City of New York, and to regulate the manner in which the same shall be sold] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Wallace from the Cõmittee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next eleven of the Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the sixteenth day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Rapalje with the Bill intituled [An Act to exempt Protestants of all Denominations from paying any Clergyman by compulsory Taxation] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^{r} De Noyelles and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill entituled [An Act to enable every Church or Corporation of Reformed Protestants in the Counties therein mentioned without Discrimination to take and hold Estates to the value of One hundred Pounds sterling per annum given to them for the support of the Gospel and for other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Honourable Daniel Horsmanden Esquire came into the House and as Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intituled [An Act impowering and directing the Treasurer of this Colony to sue for Duties still due to the late Treasurer of this Colony and other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill intituled [An Act to prevent the Removal of Actions of Ejectment for Lands brought in any of the County Courts to the Supreme Court, unless the Lands in Dispute do exceed in Value the sum of five hundred Pounds] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report that the same should be rejected.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Bill intituled [An Act declaring certain Persons therein mentioned incapable of being Members of the General Assembly of this Colony] was read the second time and

On the Question being put whether the Bill should be committed,

Mr Smith moved that the Bill should not be committed,

Which passed in the Negative.

Whereupon it is

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed.

DISSENTIENT — *M Smith.*

The Bill intituled [An Act more effectually to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the seventeenth day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Gale with the Bill intituled [An Act to prevent the evil practice of Sherifs taking the Effects of any Person or persons by a mere Suggestion alledged in a writ of Replevin against a plea of Title set up by any such person or persons] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Billop and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill intituled [An Act to make the Gold Coin therein mentioned a lawful Tender under certain Regulations] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Colonel Philipse with the Bill intituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of the several Counties of this Colony therein mentioned to take security of their respective County Treasurer before he enters upon the Execution of his office] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Cōmittee had gone through the said Bill and made an Amendment thereto which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table where the Amendment was again read and being agreed to, was

Ordered to be engrossed and the Bill

Ordered a third reading as amended.

The Bill intituled [An Act impowering and directing the Treasurer of this Colony to sue for Duties still due to the late Treasurer of this Colony and other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill intituled [An Act more effectually to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Orange] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, the eighteenth day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker.

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] was read the third time as amended and

On Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do carry the said Bill together with the amendment made thereto by this House to the General Assembly and acquaint them that the Council have passed the Bill with the said amendment to which they desire the concurrence of that House.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Capt De Lancey with the Bill intituled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] with the amendment made thereto by this Council acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendment and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by inserting the following Proviso after the word *incurred* in the 28th Line of the second Page — "Provided always that nothing herein contained shall be construed to oblige any Person to give in any Account of any Sums of Money due to him or of his Household Furniture, Jewells, plate or wearing apparel."

The Bill intituled [An Act to enable every Church or Corporation of Reformed Protestants in the Counties therein mentioned without Discrimination to take and hold Estates to the Value of One hundred Pounds Sterling per Annum given to them for the Support of the Gospel and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intituled [An Act to prevent the evil Practice of Sherifs taking the Effects of any Person or persons by a mere Suggestion alledged in a Writ of Replevin against a plea of Title set up by any such Person or Persons] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of the several Counties of this Colony therein mentioned to take Security of their respective County Treasurer before he enters upon the Execution of his Office] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intituled [An Act to exempt Protestants of all Denominations from paying any Clergymen by compulsory Taxation] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some Time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report that the same should be rejected.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Bill intituled [An Act to make the Gold Coin therein mentioned a lawful Tender under certain Regulations] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the nineteenth day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Schuyler and Mr Gale with the Bill intituled [An Act to revive An Act intituled An Act to prevent Defaults of grand and petit Jurors Constables and other Persons; with an Addition thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Billop and Colonel Woodhul with the Bill intituled [An Act to disable persons holding certain offices therein named from being elected or serving in General Assembly] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt and Mr Mynderse with the Bill intituled [An Act to impower the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rykes patent in the Manor of Cortlandt in Westchester County, to elect annually one Supervisor and such other officers as are therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Van Kleeck with the Bill intituled [An Act to revive an Act intituled An Act to enable the Mayor [Deputy Mayor] Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the Time being or the Major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the publick Wells and Pumps in the said City to the south of Freshwater and other purposes therein mentioned; with an Addition thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at eleven of the Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the twenty third day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Schuyler and Colonel Seaman with the Bill intituled [An Act to revive an Act intituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill intituled [An Act more effectually to enable persons to recover Debts in this Colony on Promisary Notes] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill intituled [An Act for the better regulation of the publick Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Jauncey with the Bill intituled [An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair cõmon public and private Highways on the North Side of the Highlands in the County of Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Broeck and Mr Mynderse with the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned relative to the Publick Highways in the County of Albany] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain De Lancey and Mr Kissam with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr Dewitt with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled, An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Renselaerwyck to elect six Assessors, three Collectors, eight Constables, two Clerks, Pound Masters, Fence Viewers and Surveyors of the Highways] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act declaring certain Persons therein mentioned, incapable of being members of the General Assembly of this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the said Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and being agreed to, the Amendments were

Ordered to be engrossed and being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do carry the said Bill back to the General Assembly, with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of that House.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Cõmittee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enable every Church or Congregation of Reformed Protestants in the Counties therein mentioned, without Discrimination to take and hold Estates to the value of one hundred pounds Sterling per annum, given to them for the Support of the Gospel, and for other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report that the same should be rejected.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of the several Counties of this Colony therein mentioned to take security of their respective County Treasurer, before he enters upon the execution of his Office] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to prevent the Defaults of Grand and Petit Jurors, Constables and other persons, with an Addition thereto] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to disable persons holding certain Offices therein named from being elected or serving in General Assembly] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intituled [An Act to impower the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rykes Patent in the Manor of Cortlandt in Westchester County, to elect annually one Supervisor, and such other Officers as are therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act to enable the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, for the time being, or the major part of them, to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in repair the public Wells and Pumps in the said City to the south of Fresh Water, and other purposes therein mentioned, with an Addition thereto] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr Nicoll with the Bill entituled [An Act declaring certain Persons therein mentioned incapable of being Members of the General Assembly of this Colony] with the Amendments made thereto by this House, acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by adding in page the first, Line the twenty second, after the word *Assembly*, the words [any Law Usage or Custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding] and striking out the last clause of the Bill, which clause is in these words ["And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any Member of the present or any future General Assembly, after the Publication hereof, shall accept of or take any other Post or Place of Profit, Honour or Trust, under the Government, after his being elected and returned a Member of the present or any future General Assembly, his seat shall be ipso facto void and a Writ issue for a new election Nevertheless such Person shall be capable of being re Elected, any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding."]

The Council adjourned till four of the clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, the twenty third day of January, 1770. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act more effectually to enable Persons to recover Debts in this Colony on Promisory Notes] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the better regulation of publick Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair Common Publick and Private Highways on the north side of the Highlands in the County of Orange] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned relative to Publick Highways in the County of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within the Colony of New York, with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intituled [An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Renselaerwyck to elect six Assessors, three Collectors, eight Constables, two Clerks, Pound Masters, Fence Viewers and Surveyors of the Highways] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday, the twenty fourth day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intituled [An Act to revive An Act intituled An Act to prevent the Defaults of Grand and Petit Jurors, Constables and other Persons, with an Addition thereto] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill intituled [An Act to enable the Supervisors of the several Counties of this Colony therein mentioned, to take Security of their respected County Treasurer, before he enters upon the Execution of his office] without any Amendment.

The Bill intituled [An Act to revive an Act intituled An Act to enable the Mayor Deputy Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the Major part of them to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in Repair the public Wells and Pumps in the said City to the south of Fresh Water and other purposes therein mentioned: with an Addition thereto] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to revive An Act intituled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act more effectually to enable persons to recover Debts in this Colony on Promisory Notes] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act for the better Regulation of the public Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Cōmittee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common public and private Highways on the North side of the Highlands in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned relative to publick Highways in the County of Albany] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Renselaerwyck to elect six Assessors, three Collectors, Eight Constables, two Clerks, Pound Masters, Fence Viewers, and Surveyors of the Highways] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Thursday, the twenty fifth day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Col Schuyler and Mr Dewitt desiring to know what progress this House hath made in the Bill intituled [An Act to exempt Protestants of all Denominations from paying any clergyman by compulsory Taxation.]
In Answer to the said Message,
Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath rejected the said Bill.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr Jauncey desiring to know what progress this House hath made in the Bill intituled [An Act to enable every Church or Congregation of Reformed Protestants in the Counties therein mentioned without Discrimination, to take and hold Estates to the value of One hundred Pounds sterling ℔ annum, given to them for the support of the Gospel and for other purposes therein mentioned.]
In Answer to the said Message,
Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath rejected the said Bill.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Cōmittee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons] and after some Time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third Time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to impower the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rykes Patent in the Manor of Cortlandt in Westchester County, to elect annually one Supervisor and such other Officers as are therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Nicoll with the Bill intituled [An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycense] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Colonel Woodhull with the Bill intituled [An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act for regulating the sale of Goods to be sold at public Vendue, Auction or Outcry within this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Billop with the Bill intituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City and County of New York, to raise and pay into the Treasury the arrears of Taxes due from the said City and County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain De Lancey and Mr Nicol with the Bill intituled [An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act for setling a Ministry and raising a Maintenance for them in the City of New York, County of Richmond, Westchester and Queens County: And an Act intituled An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the City of New York to choose annually two Vestrymen for each respective Ward within the said City, so far as the same relates to the Election of Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Cõmittee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to disable Persons holding certain Offices therein named from being elected or serving in General Assembly] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read and being agreed to, were

Ordered to be engrossed, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading as amended.

The Council adjourned till four of the Clock this Afternoon.

Thursday, the twenty fifth day of January, 1770. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycence] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intituled [An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act for regulating the sale of Goods to be sold at Public Vendue, Auction or Outcry within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City and County of New York to raise and pay into the Treasury the arrears of Taxes due from the said City and County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intituled [An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act for settling a Ministry and and Queens County; and An Act intituled An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the City of New raising a Maintenance for them in the City of New York, County of Richmond, West Chester York to choose annually two Vestrymen for each respective Ward within the said City so far as the same relates to the Election of the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.

Friday, the twenty sixth day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intituled [An Act to disable Persons holding certain offices therein named from being elected or serving in General Assembly] was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

DISSENTIENT.—*Mr Smith.*

Ordered, that Mr White do carry back to the General Assembly the said Bill together with the Amendments made thereto, and acquaint them that this House have passed the Bill with the said Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycense] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to amend an Act intituled Act for regulating the sale of Goods to be sold at public Vendue, Auction or Outcry within this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City and County of New York, to raise and pay into the Treasury the Arrears of Taxes due from the said City and County] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act for setling a Ministry and raising a Maintenance for them in the City of New York, County of Richmond, Westchester and Queens County: and An Act intituled An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the City of New York to choose annually two Vestrymen for each respective Ward within the said City; so far as the same relates to the Election of the Churchwardens and Vestrymen of the City of New York] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Cõmittee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to enable all Persons who are his Majestys Liege Subjects either by Birth or Naturalization to inherit and hold Real Estates notwithstanding any Defect of Purchases made before Naturalization within this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Thomas with the Bill intituled [An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Jauncey with the Bill intituled [An Act to prevent Frauds in Bar Iron exposed to Sale in this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill intituled [An Act for Naturalizing Frederick Koose, John Stone, Godfrid Shoe, John Karne, Hannis Albrant, Hannis Alt, Han Ury Creitz, Jacob Seber, Augustus Eikler, Conrad Smith, John Everhart Coghnot, George Ecker, Hannis Hartel, John Brader, Philip Pilet, George Rupert, George Sharpe, Hendrick Hann, John Seabalt, Nicholas Bradhour, George Bronce, George Skink, Jacob Becker, John Farlinger, George Binder, Frederick Waggoner, Mathias Kough, Adam Garlogh, Peter Young, Peter Gronce, Peter Forster, George Flunean, Simon Shreider, John Frederick Tolle, John Marchel, Konrat Louwer, William Petrie, James Colon, George Colon, Jonas Colon, Elizabeth Allen, Samuel Isaacs, and Peter Surget] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Schuyler and Captain De Lancey with the Bill intituled [An Act appointing Commissioners to meet with Commissioners who are or may be appointed by the Neighbouring Colonies to fix on a General Plan for the regulation of the Indian Trade] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Colonel Woodhull with the Bill entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out Public Highways in the County of Westchester with some alterations] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordd a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Witt and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill entituled [An Act to Exempt the Inhabitants of the Counties of Westchester, New York and Queens and Richmond from any Taxations for the support of the Ministers of Churches to which they do not belong] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the sd Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr Kissam with the Bill intitled [An Act to lay a Tax on Coaches and other certain Carriages therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Walton with the Bill intituled [An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act authorizing certain Persons therein named to settle the Line of Division between the Counties of Kings and Queens County as far as the Townships of Bushwick and Newtown extend] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Colonel Philipse with the Bill intituled [An Act for the Relief of James De Peyster of the City of New York Merchant an Insolvent Debtor and others therein named] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till five of the Clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the twenty sixth day of January, 1770. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill entituled [An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds in Bar Iron exposed to sale in this Colony] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act for naturalizing Frederick Koose, John Stone, Godfrid Shoe, John Karne, Hannis Albrant, Hannis Alt, Han Ury Creitz, Jacob Seber, Augustus Eikler, Conradt Smith, John Everhart Coghnot, George Ecker, Hannis Hartel, John Brader, Philip Pilet, George Rupert, George Sharpe, Hendrick Hann, John Seabalt, Nicholas Bradhour, George Bronce, George Skink, Jacob Becekr, John Farlinger, George Bender, Frederick Waggoner, Mathias Kough, Adam Garlough, Peter Young, Peter Gronce, Peter Forster, George Fluncan, Simon Shreider, John Frederick Tolle, John Marchel, Konrat Louwer, William Petrie, James Colon, George Colon, Jonas Colon, Elizabeth Allen, Samuel Isaacs, and Peter Surget] was read the second time, and
Ordered to be commiited.
The Bill entituled [An Act appointing Commissioners to meet with Commissioners who are or may be appointed by the neighbouring Colonies to fix on a general plan for the regulation of the Indian Trade] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out Public Highways in the County of West Chester with some alterations] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill intituled [An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act authorizing certain Persons therein named to settle the Line of Division between the Counties of Kings and Queens County as far as the Townships of Bushwick and Newtown extend] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of James De Peyster of the City of New York Merchant an Insolvent Debtor and others therein named] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council adjourned till tomorrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Saturday, the twenty seventh day of January, 1770.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds in Bar Iron exposed to sale in this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for naturalizing Frederick Koose, John Stone, Godfrid Shoe, John Karne, Hannis Albrant, Hannis Alt, Han Ury Creitz, Jacob Seber, Augustus Eikler. Conradt Smith, John Everhart Coughnot, George Ecker, Hannis Hartel, John Brader, Philip Pilet, George Rupert, George Sharpe, Hendrick Hann, John Seabalt, Nicholas Bradhour George Bronce, George Skink, Jacob Becker, John Farlinger, George Bender, Frederick Waggoner, Mathias Kough, Adam Garlough, Peter Young, Peter Gronce, Peter Forster, George Flunean, Simon Shreider, John Frederick Tolle, John Marchel, Konrat Louwer, William Petrie, James Colon, George Colon, Jonas Colon, Elizabeth Allen, Samuel Isaacs, and Peter Surget] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act appointing Commissioners to meet with Commissioners who are or may be appointed by the Neighbouring Colonies to fix on a General Plan for the regulation of the Indian Trade] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out public Highways in the County of Westchester with some alterations] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act authorizing certain persons therein named to settle the Line of Division between the Counties of Kings and Queens County as far as the Townships of Bushwick and Newtown extend] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker left the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Relief of James De Peyster of the City of New York Merchant an Insolvent Debtor and others therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the evil Practice of Sheriffs taking the effects of any person or persons by a new suggestion alledged in a Writ of Replevin against a Plea of Title set up by any such person or persons] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made an amendment by altering the title which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the same was again read. and being agreed to, the amendment was

Ordered to be engrossed

And being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly with the Amendment made thereto by this House and acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendment to which they desire the Concurrence of that House.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr De Noyelles with the last mentioned Bill acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the Amendment made thereto by this House and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by striking out the whole Title of the said Bill and instead thereof inserting the following Title.

An Act to prevent the Abuse of Writs and Plaints in Replevin.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Thomas desiring to know what progress this House hath made in the Bill intituled An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned]

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the said Bill hath had two Readings and now stands Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Colonel Schuyler desiring to know what progress this House hath made in the Bill intituled [An Act to exempt the Inhabitants of the Counties of Westchester Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond from paying any Taxes for the support of Ministers of Churches to which they do not belong.]

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the said Bill hath been Read the first time and is

Ordered a second Reading.

The Honourable Cadwallader Colden Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in chief of this Province, being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in the presence of both Houses was pleased to give his Assent to thirty eight Bills the Titles whereof are as follows

An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act more effectually to enable Persons to recover Debts in this Colony on Promissory Notes.

An Act to revive and continue an Act entituled An Act to prevent Frauds by the Adulteration of Pot Ash, and Pearl Ash.

An Act to prevent Frauds in Bar Iron exposed to Sale in this Colony.

An Act appointing Commissioners to meet with Commissioners who are or may be appointed by the Neighbouring Colonies to fix on a general Plan for the regulation of the Indian Trade.

An Act to revive an Act intituled An Act to prevent the Defaults of Grand and Petit Jurors, Constables, and other Persons; with an Addition thereto.

An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence.

An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather in the City of New York.

An Act declaring certain Persons therein mentioned, incapable of being Members of the General Assembly of this Colony.

An Act to amend an Act entituled [An Act] for regulating the Sale of Goods to be sold at Publick Vendue Auction or Outcry within this Colony.

An Act impowering and directing the Treasurer of this Colony to sue for Duties still due to the late Treasurer of this Colony, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to prevent the Abuse of Writs and Plaints in Replevin.

An Act to enable all persons who are his Majesty's Liege Subjects, either by Birth or Naturalization, to inherit and hold Real Estates, notwithstanding any defect of Purchases made before Naturalization within this Colony.

An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act more effectually to prevent the killing of Deer and firing the Woods within this Colony, so far as the same relates to the Counties of Suffolk and Queens.

An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels, and the Rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York.

An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City and County of New York, to raise and pay into the Treasury, the Arrears of Taxes due from the said City and County.

An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for settling a Ministry and raising a Maintenance for them in the City of New York, County of Richmond, Westchester and Queens County; and an Act intituled An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the City of New York, to choose annually two Vestrymen for each respective Ward within the said City; so far as the same relates to the Election of the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the City of New York.

An Act to revive and continue an Act entituled An Act to ascertain the size of Casks in which White Bread shall be packed within the City of New York, and to regulate the Manner in which the same shall be sold.

An Act to revive an Act entituled, An Act to enable the Mayor Deputy Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York for the time being or the major part of them, to raise a Tax for mending and keeping in repair, the Public Wells and pumps in the said City to the south of Fresh Water, and other purposes therein mentioned; with an Addition thereto.

An Act to enable the Supervisors of the several Counties of this Colony therein mentioned, to take security of their respective County Treasurer before he enters upon the Execution of his Office.

An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned ralative to Public Highways in the County of Albany.

An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Manor of Renselaerwyck, to elect six Assessors, three Collectors, eight Constables, two Clerks, Pound Masters, Fence Viewers, and Surveyors of the Highways.

An Act to prevent Accidents by Fire in that part of the Manor of Renselaerwyck therein mentioned.

An Act to raise within the Township of Schenectady, the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds to purchase a Fire Engine, Leather Buckets and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in Repair, the Common and Public Highways, in such Precincts in the County of Ulster as are therein mentioned.

An Act for charging the Care of providing for the Relief of the Poor in the Town of Kingston in Ulster County, upon the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the said Town; and for compelling Constables to execute their Offices.

An Act for the better Regulating of the Public Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange.

An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for the relief of the Poor in the Counties of Ulster and Orange, and to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the several Towns and Precincts thereof to elect Overseers of the Poor at their annual Meetings; so far as the same relates to the County of Ulster.

An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in repair Common Public and Private Highways on the North side of the Highlands in the County of Orange.

An Act more effectually to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Orange.

An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County.

An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out public Highways in the County of West Chester with some alterations.

An Act to impower the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rykes Patent in the Manor of Cortlandt in West Chester County, to elect Annually one Supervisor and such other Officers as are therein mentioned.

An Act to impower the Freeholders of the town of Huntington in the County of Suffolk, to make prudential Orders for the better regulating, collecting, and parting their sheep feeding on the Plains and other common Lands in the said Town: and to sell such stray sheep as shall be left at the time of parting.

An Act to amend An Act Entituled An Act Authorizing certain persons therein named to settle the Line of Division between the Counties of Kings and Queens County, as far as the Township of Bushwick and Newtown extend.

An Act for Naturalizing Frederick Koose, John Stone, Godfrid Shoe, John Karne, Hannis Albrant, Hannis Alt, Han Ury Creitz, Jacob Seber, Augustus Eikler, Conradt Smith, John Everhart Coghnot, George Ecker, Hannis Hartel, John Brader, Philip Pilet, George Rupert, George Sharpe, Hendrick Hann, John Seabalt, Nicholas Bradhour, George Bronce, George Skink, Jacob Becker, John Farlinger, George Binder, Frederick Waggoner, Mathias Kough, Adam Garlough, Peter Young, Peter Gronce, Peter Forster, George Fluncan, Simon Shreider John Frederick Tolle, John Marchel, Konrat Louwer, William Petrie, James Colon, George Colon, Jonas Colon, Elizabeth Allen, Samuel Isaacs, and Peter Surget.

An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within the Colony of New York, with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons.

An Act for the relief of James De Peyster of the City of New York Merchant an Insolvent Debtor and others therein named.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner, and his Honour the Lieutenant Governor the Council and the General Assembly being returned to the Council Chamber, the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to the Second Tuesday in March next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVI., 57.]

By the Honorable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *thirteenth* day of *March* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *first* day of *May* now next ensuing of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take notice, and to govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *seventh* day of *March* one thousand seven hundred and seventy, in the *tenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By his Honor's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVI., 76.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *first* day of *May* next ensuing I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *twelfth* day of *June* now next ensuing. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice, and to Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York*, the *twenty eighth* day of *April* one thousand seven hundred and seventy, in the *tenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D. Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVI., 93.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *twelfth* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *seventh* day of *August* next ensuing, of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and to Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *sixth* day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and seventy, in the *tenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

By his Honour's Command CADWALLADER COLDEN.
Gw Banyar *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVI., 106.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *seventh* day of *August* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue And I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly to the *fourth* day of *September* now next ensuing of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and to Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Brookland Ferry* in *Kings County* on *Nassau Island*, the *twenty fifth* day of *July* one thousand seven hundred and seventy in the *tenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By his Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Secry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVI., 119.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *fourth* day of *September* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *second* day of *October* now next ensuing, of which all his Majesty's Subject concerned therein are required to take Notice and to Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York*, the *third* day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and seventy in the *tenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVI., 122.]

By the Honourable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esqr His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *second* day of *October* next ensuing I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *sixth* day of *November* next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice, and to Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and seventy, in the *tenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honour's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVI., 129.]

By his Excellency

The Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief (L. S.) in and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *sixth* day of *November* next ensuing I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, And I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *eleventh* day of *December* next then to meet to proceed upon Business Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and to Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirty first* day of *October* in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

DUNMORE.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar, *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

THIRTY-FIRST ASSEMBLY THIRD SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the* eleventh *day of* December, *in the* Eleventh year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy.

The General Assembly having on the twenty seventh Day of January last been prorogued to the second Tuesday in March following were from the last mentioned Day prorogued by his Honour the Lieutenant Governor by proclamations under the Seal at Arms, as follows On the seventh Day of the said Month of March to the first Day of May. On the twenty eighth Day of April to the twelfth Day of June. On the sixth Day of June to the seventh Day of August. On the twenty fifth Day of July to the fourth Day of September. On the third Day of September to the second Day of October and on the twenty ninth Day of September until the sixth Day of November. And on the eighteenth Day of October His Excellency the Right Honorable John Earl of Dunmore arriving in this province and the next Day the Nineteenth Day of October his Majesty's Letters Patent constituting and appointing him Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon being published, his Excellency was pleased on the thirty first Day of October by Proclamation

under his Seal at Arms to prorogue the General Assembly to this Day, then to meet to proceed upon Business.

The Council therefore met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency the Right Honorable John Earl of Dunmore Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, being come to the Council Chamber,

The Speaker left the Chair, and

His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly, requiring the immediate Attendance of that House in the Council Chamber; and

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency the Governor then made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another Copy to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Excellency the Governor, as also the General Assembly, having left the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Excellencys Speech be read.

Then the Speech was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House, and the same is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

When his Majesty was pleased to confer on me a Government in this Country, it fill'd me with the highest satisfaction, and I esteem myself peculiarly fortunate in having been appointed to the Command of this Province, whose Example has been the happy Means of renewing that mutual Intercourse between the Mother Country and her Colonies, which is so much the Interest of both to preserve uninterrupted. This salutary Reconciliation effected by the People of this Province, cannot fail of endearing them in a particular Manner, to our most gracious Sovereign.

The violent proceedings of the Spaniards in dispossessing (in the Time of profound Peace) his Majestys Subjects of their Settlement at Fort Egmont in Falkland's Island, and the considerable naval Armaments which we hear are prepared in Consequence by his Majesty's Orders, give us sufficient Reason to apprehend that War may be the Result: If this should happen, I have the strongest Assurances that the security of this Part of his Majesty's Dominions will be a principal object of his Care and Attention. Yet it is Incumbent on us to consider what may be necessary for its Protection against the sudden Attempts of an Enemy.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

You cannot be too early in your Deliberations upon making Provision for those Exigencies in Case our Apprehensions should be verified.

I have nothing more at this Time to recommend to you but the Supplies for his Majestys Troops and the necessary Support of Government.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

The favourable Opinion I have conceived of this Colony as well as my Duty to his Majesty will make me always solicitous to contribute whatever my Authority, my Credit or my Abilities can furnish to promote the Welfare thereof; the highest pleasure I can enjoy will be faithfully to represent to his Majesty the Zeal and Unanimity of his Subjects in it; and my greatest Ambition to possess the Esteem and Affection of the People of this Province.

DUNMORE.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Apthorpe then moved that an humble Address might be presented to his Excellency the Governor in Answer to his Speech,

Which Motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe, Mr Wallace and Mr White be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address; and that they prepare and bring in the same by Thursday next.

The Council adjourned till Thursday Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the thirteenth day of December, 1770.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Excellency the Governor in Answer to his Speech, reported that the Committee had prepared the same, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the said Draft in at the Table where the same was again read, and being amended was agreed to and

Ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governor was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the said Address and

The Speaker having signed the same accordingly

Ordered, that Mr Watts and Mr Morris do wait on his Excellency the Governor and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their humble Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned, reported that they had waited on his Excellency the Governor, and that his Excellency had been pleased to say he would receive the Address of this House to Morrow at 12 o Clock in the Council Chamber at Fort George.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 12 o Clock.

Friday, the fourteenth day of December, 1770.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

With the House proceeded to the Council Chamber in Fort George, to present the humble Address of this House to his Excellency the Governor, and being returned,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the House attended his Excellency the Governor and presented to him the humble Address of this House, his Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Journal of this House, which are as follow.

To his Excellency the Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The humble ADDRESS of the Council for the Province of New York.

May it Please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Council for the Province of New York, return your Lordship our hearty thanks for your Speech; and with the greatest sincerity and Respect congratulate you on your safe Arrival.

Zealously attach'd to our august Sovereign by the firmest Ties of Duty and Affection, We acknowledge the continuance of his paternal Regard, in the gracious Appointment of a Nobleman of your Lordships eminent Rank and Merit, to preside over this his faithful Colony.

The favourable opinion your Lordship has conceived of the People committed to your care, is a happy Presage of that Harmony and Tranquility which We are confident will distinguish your Administration, and render it easy and agreable to yourself, and extensively Beneficial to the Publick. And your Lordships just Applause of the conciliating Temper they have so lately manifested in renewing that mutual Intercourse between Great Britain and her Colonies, so essential to the interest of both, demands our warmest Gratitude.

The violent Conduct of the Spaniards in seizing Fort Egmont in Time of profound Peace, is an Event which may be productive of the most important Consequences.

We ardently wish the Calamaties of War may be avoided, but since his Majesty, in Vindication of the Honour of his Crown may be drawn into Hostilities, it is with the highest satisfaction we receive your Lordship's Assurance that the security of this part of his Dominions will be a principal Object of his Royal care and Attention. Yet as it is our Duty, We shall chearfully co-operate in whatever may be necessary to guard against the sudden Attempts of an Enemy.

We have reason to expect singular advantages from your Lordships Influence and Abilities, and your Solicitude for the welfare and Prosperity of this Colony, cannot fail of securing to your Lordship the Esteem and Affection of a grateful People.

By Order of the Council

City of New York, DAN HORSMANDEN, Speaker.
13th December, 1770.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen,

Your obliging Address is in the highest Manner pleasing to me: You may be assured of my being ever most watchful on my part for the preservation of that Harmony and Tranquility, which I am so happy to find subsisting in the Province.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the eighteenth day of December, 1770.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday the nineteenth day of December, 1770.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Lancey and Mr Brinckerhoff with the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue An Act Entituled "An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycence] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the ffirst time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Witt and Colonel Woodhull with the Bill entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first Day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and seventy one to the first Day of February One thousand seven hundred and seventy two] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 3 o clock in the Afternoon.

Wednesday, the nineteenth day of December, 1770. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue an Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to continue an Act entituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without License] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one to the first day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy two inclusive,] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the Twentieth day of December, 1770.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker.

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act further to continue an Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to continue an Act intituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycence] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, to the first Day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy two inclusive] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty first day of December, 1770.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman and Captain Seaman with the Bill Entitled [An Act to continue an Act Entitled An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale which shall be made and executed after the first Day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine in the Counties therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Witt and Mr Kissam with the Bill Entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townships of Rochester and Marble Town to choose and elect at their annual Meetings two Constables for each Town] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 4 o clock in the Afternoon.

Friday, the twenty first day of December, 1770. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act to continue an Act entitled An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale which shall be made and executed after the First Day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine in the Counties therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturdy, the twenty second day of December, 1770.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs,

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to continue an Act entitled An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale which shall be made and executed after the first Day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine in the Counties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

His Excellency the Right Honoble John Earl of Dunmore Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same being come to the Council Chamber

The Speaker left the Chair, and

His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate Attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of both Houses was pleased to give his assent to four Bills the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act further to continue an Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act to continue an Act entitled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence.

An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one to the first Day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy two inclusive.

An Act to continue an Act entituled An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale which shall be made and executed after the first Day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine in the Counties therein mentioned.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual manner and the Council returned to the Council Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Friday the fourth day of January next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Friday the fourth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

Oliver De Lancey,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Monday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Monday, the seventh day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the eighth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and M^r De Lancey with the Bill Entitled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major Part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding sixteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Boerum with the Bill Entituled [An Act for vesting Philip Van Cortlandt the eldest Son and Heir at Law of Mary Walton Hughes Tenant in Tail of a certain House and Lot of Ground in the City of New York, with an Estate in Fee Simple therein] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the ninth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Broeck and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entitled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the major Part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Brinckerhoff with the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New York chosen by virtue of the Charters granted to the said City and other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townships of Rochester and Marble Town to choose and elect at their annual Town Meetings two Constables for each Town] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding sixteen hundred Pounds, for the uses therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for vesting Philip Van Cortlandt the eldest Son and Heir at Law of Mary Walton Hughes Tenant in Tail of a certain House and Lot of Ground in the City of New York with an Estate in Fee simple therein] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned til to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday the tenth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds for the Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding sixteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townships of Rochester and Marble Town to choose and elect at their annual Town Meetings two Constables for each Town,] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday the eleventh day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifty Pounds for the Purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Bill Entitled [An Act for the better Regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New York chosen by Virtue of the Charters granted to the said City and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the twelfth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency the Right Hono^ble John Earl of Dunmore Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province being come to the Council Chamber

The Speaker left the Chair, and

His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of both Houses was pleased to give his Assent to three Bills the Titles whereof are as follow viz

An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding sixteen hundred pounds for the uses therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the time being or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds for the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester and Marbletown to choose and elect at their annual Town Meetings two Constables for each Town.

After which the said Acts were published in the usual Manner, and the Council being returned to the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the fifteenth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the sixteenth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better Regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New York chosen by Virtue of the charters granted to the said City and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Walton with the Bill Entitled An Act for emitting the sum of One hundred and Twenty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony and to such public Exigencies as the Circumstances of this Colony may from Time to Time render necessary] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the seventeenth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the eighteenth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entitled [An Act for emitting the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand Pounds on Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony, and to such publick Exigencies as the Circumstances of this Colony may from Time to Time render necessary] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Seaman with the Bill Entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act for the better determination of Personal Actions depending upon Accounts] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt De Lancey and Mr Van Kleeck with the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better Confirmation of the Estates of Persons holding under Femes Covert and for establishing a Mode by which Husband and Wife may hereafter convey their Estates] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brinckerhoff and M^r De Noyelles with the Bill Entitled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rumbout Precinct in Dutches County to elect a Collector in the Room of the one discharged by the Court to collect the Arrears of the Poor Tax] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Witt and Mr Billop with the Bill Entitled [An Act to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Clinton with the Bill Entitled [An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt and Mr Mynderse with the Bill Entitled [An Act to extend an Act intitled An Act for the better regulation of the Public Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange," to the Manor of Courtlandt in the County of West Chester] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and M^r De Lancey with the Bill Entitled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned relative to Highways in the County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Col Woodhull with the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent hunting with Fire Arms and robbing of Orchards, Gardens, Cornfields and other inclosed Lands in the Township of Brookland in Kings County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Kleeck and Mr Rapalje with the Bill Entitled [An Act better to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till 4 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Friday, the eighteenth day of January, 1771. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill Entitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act for the better determination of Personal Actions depending upon Accounts] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entitled [An Act for the better Confirmation of the Estates of Persons holding under Femes Covert and for establishing a Mode by which Husband and Wife may hereafter convey their Estates] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entitled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rumbout Precinct in Dutchess County to Elect a Collector in the Room of the one discharged by the Court to collect the Arrears of the Poor Tax] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entitled [An Act to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entitled [An Act to extend an Act entitled "An Act for the better regulation of the Public Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange" to the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of West Chester] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Bill Entitled [An Act to recover the several Acts therein mentioned relative to Highways in the County of Albany] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entitled [An Act to prevent hunting with Fire Arms and robbing of Orchards Gardens Cornfields and other inclosed Lands in the Township of Brookland in Kings County] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill Entituled [An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany] was read the second time and
Ordered to be cōmitted.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the nineteenth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for emitting the Sum of One hundred and twenty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan, and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony, and to such Public Exigencies as the Circumstances of this Colony may from Time to Time render necessary] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act for the better determination of Personal Actions depending upon Accounts] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rumbout Precinct in Dutches County, to Elect a Collector in the Room of the one discharged by the Court, to collect the Arrears of the Poor Tax] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to extend an Act entitled "An Act for the better regulation of the Public Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange," to the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of West Chester] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned relative to Highways in the County of Albany] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday the twenty second day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Honoble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Brook and Mr Mynderse with the Bill Entitled [An Act to amend and explain an Act entitled An Act empowering the Justices of the Peace living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the County of Albany to establish and regulate a Night Watch appoint Firemen and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered, a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill Entitled [An Act to raise a Sum not exceeding forty Pounds within the Township of Schenectady for repairing the Watch House in the said Township] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the twenty third day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entitled [An Act for emitting the Sum of one hundred and twenty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony and to such Public Exigencies as the Circumstances of this Colony may from Time to Time render necessary] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill Entitled [An Act for the better regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New York chosen by Virtue of the Charters granted to the said City and other purposes therein mentioned] without any Amendment.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act for the better Determination of Personal Actions depending upon Accounts] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rumbout Precinct in Dutches County to elect a Collector, in the Room of the one discharged by the Court, to collect the Arrears of the Poor Tax] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to extend an Act entitled An Act for the better regulation of the Public Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange, to the Manor of Cortland in the County of Westchester] was read the third time

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned relative to Highways in the County of Albany] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act better to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to amend and explain an Act entitled An Act impowering the Justices of the Peace living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the County of Albany to establish and regulate a Night Watch, appoint Firemen, and other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entitled [An Act to raise a Sum not exceeding Forty Pounds within the Township of Schenectady for repairing the Watch House in the said Township] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman and Col Woodhull with the Bill Entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty fourth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entitled [An Act to amend and explain an Act entituled An Act impowering the Justices of the Peace living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the County of Albany to establish and regulate a Night Watch appoint Firemen and other Purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to raise a sum not exceeding forty Pounds within the Township of Schenectady for repairing the Watch House in the said Township] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have past the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.
The Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty fifth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker.

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the twenty sixth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt and with the Bill entitled [An Act to lower the Interest of Money to Six per Cent] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Gale with the Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels and the Rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Brook and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill Entitled [An Act to enable every Church or Congregation of Reformed Protestants in the County of Albany without discrimination to take and hold Estates to the Value of one hundred Pounds Sterling per Annum given them for the Support of the Gospel] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered, a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt De Lancey and Mr Clinton with the Bill Entitled [An Act to prevent all Flour brought into this Colony for sale from being branded with the Colony Mark] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered, a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Van Kleeck with the Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act entituled an Act to encourage the taking and destroying of Wild Cats in the County of Suffolk] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same being again read were agreed to and the Amendments

Ordered to be Engrossed and the Bill

Ordered, a third reading as amended.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty ninth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to lower the Interest of Money to Six per Cent] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels, and the Rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to enable every Church or Congregation of Reformed Protestants in the County of Albany without discrimination to take and hold Estates to the value of one hundred Pounds Sterling per Annum given them for the Support of the Gospel] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent all Flour brought into this Colony for sale from being branded with the Colony Mark] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of Wild Cats in the County of Suffolk] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt De Lancey and Mr Billopp with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors by extending the same to excoutors and Administrators residing out of this Colony whose Testator or Intestates have Effects within the same] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Philipse and Mr Billop with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue an Act intituled An Act to appoint an Inspector of Hemp in the County of West Chester] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Broeck and Mr Kissam with the Bill entituled [An Act to appoint an Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes in the City of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do carry back the Bill to the General Assembly with the Amendments made thereto by this House and acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the Bill with the said Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednsday, the thirtieth day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors by extending the same to Executors and Administrators residing out of this Colony when Testators or Intestates have Effects within the same] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to revive and continue An Act entituled An Act to appoint an Inspector of Hemp in the County of West Chester] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to appoint an Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes in the City of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Nicoll with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Inconveniencies arising from Delays of Causes after Issue joined] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Billop and Capt Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the firing of Guns Pistols Squibs and other Fire Works at the Times and Places therein mentioned within this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Jauncey with the Bill entituled [An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] and the Amendments made thereto by this House acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended, as follows

Page 3 Line 7 After the Word *Casks* insert the following Words [And further that I will not inspect any Cask of Flour unless the Initial Letter of the Christian Name and the Surname at Length of the Manufacturer are first branded thereon: and that I will brand every Cask of Flour by me inspected with the name of the County where manufactured.]

Line 29 After the Word aforesaid insert the Words [and half Barrels in the same proportion.]

At the End of the Bill insert the following Clause And Be it enacted that this Act shall be of Force from its publication until the first Day of January One thousand seven hundred and seventy three.

The Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the thirty first day of January, 1771.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent all Flour brought into this Colony for Sale from being branded with the Colony Mark] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill altered the Title and made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments being again read were agreed to and

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the Amendments being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do carry the said Bill and the Amendments made thereto by this House to the General Assembly, and acquaint them that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Van Kleeck with the said Bill and the Amendments made thereto by this House, acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly

Then the said Bill was amended accordingly as follows

Strike out the Title and insert the following Title

An Act farther to regulate the Inspection and Branding of Flour.

Page 1 Line 6. In the first enacting Clause after the Word *shall* strike out the Words following, from the end of the Word *manufactured* inclusive in the Sixteenth Line of the same Clause and instead thereof insert these Words [if good and merchantable have the Name of the Colony where such Flour was manufactured added to the Mark or Brand wherewith the Flour manufactured within this Colony is by Law directed to be branded.]

Page 2 Line 6 After the Word made add the following Clause.

And Be it enacted that from and after the first Day of June next, no Inspector of Flour appointed for the City of New York, shall brand or mark as inspected, any Cask of Flour wherever manufactured, unless the initial Letter of the Christian Name, and the Sirname at length of the Manufacturer are first branded thereon.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to lower the Interest of Money to six per Cent] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act Entituled An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of Wild Cats in the County of Suffolk] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue an Act intituled An Act to appoint an Inspector of Hemp in the County of West Chester] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the Whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Inconveniencies arising from Delays of Causes after issue joined] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the firing of Guns Pistols Squibs and other Fire Works at the Times and Places therein mentioned within this Colony] was read the second Time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Mynderse with the Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned, in the Cities of New York and Albany and Township of Schenectady,] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the first day of February, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Inconveniencies arising from Delays of Causes after Issue joined] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the firing of Guns, Pistols, Squibs, and other Fireworks at the Times and places therein mentioned within this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual Punishment of persons who shall be guilty of the Trespasses therein mentioned, in the Cities of New York and Albany, and Township of Schenectady] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt De Lancey and Mr Nicoll, with the Bill intituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather witnin the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Broeck and Mr Billop with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the taking and destroying of Salmon in Hudsons River] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first Time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Wednesday, the sixth day of February, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Kissam with the Bill entituled [An Act for raising and collecting the Arrears of Taxes due to this Colony from the City and County of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Col Philipse with the Bill entituled [An Act for confirming to the Assignees therein named, the Estate of Cornelius C. Wynkoop, and of Mary Catharine his Wife, heretofore assigned for the Benefit of his Creditors, and for the Relief of the said Cornelius C Wynkoop and the said Creditors] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act intituled An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather within the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the taking and destroying of Salmon in Hudson's River] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act better to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Inconveniencies arising from Delays of Causes after Issue joined] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the firing of Guns Pistols Squibs and other Fireworks at the Times and Places therein mentioned within this Colony] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels, and the Rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday the seventh day of February, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
Henry Cruger,
Henry White, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Col Woodhull with the Bill entituled [An Act for the apprehending of Persons in any County or Place upon Warrants granted by Justices of the Peace of any other County or Place] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman and Mr De Witt with the Bill entituled [An Act for making a further Provision of two thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one year] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brinkerhoff and Mr Mynderse with the Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Elizabeth Seabury an Insolvent Debtor] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for raising and collecting the Arrears of Taxes due to this Colony from the City and County of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for confirming to the Assignees therein named, the Estate of Cornelius C Wynkoop, and of Mary Catharine his Wife, heretofore assigned for the Benefit of his Creditors; and for the Relief of the said Cornelius C Wynkoop and the said Creditors] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the Cities of New York and Albany, and Township of Schenectady] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the taking and destroying of Salmon in Hudson's River] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather within the City of New York] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have Past the two last mentioned Bill, without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till 4 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Thursday, the seventh day of February, 1771. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for making a further Provision of two thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one Year] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council Adjourned till Saturday Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the ninth day of February, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for raising and collecting the Arrears of Taxes due to this Colony from the City and County of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Qnestion being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill intituled [An Act for the apprehending of Persons in any County or Place upon Warrants granted by Justices of the Peace of any other County or Place] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Elizabeth Seabury an Insolvent Debtor] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Capt. Seaman with the Bill intituled [An Act to impower Philip Van Cortland the eldest Son and Heir at Law of Mary Walton Hughes, Tenant in Tail of a certain House and Lot of Ground in the City of New York, to hold the same in Fee Simple] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Billop and Mr Rapalje with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Abuses committed by Tenants or by other Persons entering and keeping possession of Messuages Lands and Tenements before a legal Title to the same is obtained] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the eleventh day of February, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

Oliver De Lancey,
Joseph Reade,
Roger Morris,
Henry Cruger,
Hugh Wallace,
Henry White, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the Cities of New York and Albany and Township of Schenectady] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the apprehending of Persons in any County or Place, upon Warrants granted by Justices of the Peace of any other County or Place] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for making a further Provision of two thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one Year] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Elizabeth Seabury an Insolvent Debtor] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have Passed the said two last mentioned Bills and the Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the Cities of New York and Albany and Township of Schenectady] without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act to impower Philip Van Cortland the Eldest son and Heir at Law of Mary Walton Hughes Tenant in Tail of a certain House and Lot of Ground in the City of New York to hold the same in Fee Simple] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Abuses committed by Tenants or by other Persons entering and keeping possession of Messuages Lands and Tenements before a legal Title to the same is obtained] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twelfth day of February, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr Rapalje with the Bill intituled [An Act for establishing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of New York and Nova Cæsarea or New Jersey, and for confirming Titles and possessions] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Clinton with the Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual recovery of Duties arisen in the late Treasurer's time and remaining still unpaid] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Col Woodhull with the Bill entituled [An Act to Amend the Act therein mentioned relative to Highways in the County of Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Mynderse and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entituled [An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein named] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to impower Philip Van Cortlandt the eldest Son and Heir at Law of Mary Walton Hughes

Tenant in Tail of a certain House and Lot of Ground in the City of New York, to hold the same in Fee Simple] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the thirteenth day of February, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act for establishing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of New York and Nova Cæsarea or New Jersey, and for Confirming Titles and Possessions] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual Recovery of Duties arisen in the late Treasurer's Time and remaining still unpaid] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend the Act therein mentioned relative to Highways in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein named] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Jauncey with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr De Noyelles with the Bill intituled [An Act to amend and continue an Act entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the apprehending of Persons in any County or Place upon Warrants granted by Justices of the Peace of any other County or Place] was read the third Time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the last mentioned Bill and the Bill entituled [An Act to impower Philip Van Cortlandt the eldest Son and Heir of Mary Walton Hughes Tenant in Tail of a certain House and Lot of Ground in the City of New York, to hold the same in Fee Simple] without any Amendment.

The Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the fourteenth day of February, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

John Willet Junior Esqr who by his Petition read this day hath prayed to be heard against passing the Bill depending before this House for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors in which the Name of Nicholas Wortman is inserted, attending without was called in, and being heard against the said Bill, withdrew.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place, reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend and continue an Act entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors by extending the same to Executors and Administrators residing out of this Colony, whose Testators or Intestates have Effects within the same] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for confirming to the Assignees therein named, the Estate of Cornelius C. Wynkoop and of Mary Catharine his Wife, heretofore assigned for the Benefit of his Creditors, and for the Relief of the said Cornelius C Wynkoop and the said Creditors] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill entituled [An Act for establishing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of New York and

Nova Cæsarea or New Jersey and for Confirming Titles and Possessions] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual recovery of Duties arisen in the late Treasurer's Time and remaining still unpaid] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend the Act therein mentioned relative to Highways in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act for raising and Collecting the Arrears of Taxes due to this Colony from the City and County of New York] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for naturalizing the several Persons therein named] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the fifteenth day of February, 1771.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the better Confirmation of the Estates of Persons holding under Femes Covert and for establishing a Mode by which Husband and Wife may hereafter convey their Estates] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made an amendment thereto by altering the Title which amendment he read and then delivered the Bill with the amendment in at the Table where the same was again read and being agreed to the amendment was ordered to be Engrossed and being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do carry the said Bill back to the General Assembly with the amendment made thereto by this House and acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the Bill with the said Amendment to which they desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill last mentioned and the amendment thereto acquainting this House that the General Assembly hath agreed to the said amendment made by this House and desire that the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by striking out the Title thereof, and in its stead inserting the following title vizt

An Act to confirm certain ancient Conveyances and directing the Manner of proving Deeds to be recorded.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to prevent abuses committed by Tenants, or by other Persons entering and keeping possession of Messuages Lands and Tenements before a legal Title to the same be obtained] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend and continue an Act entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within the Colony of New York with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Reade from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Reade do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the three last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Seaman and Mr Brinckerhoff with the Bill entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony, and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Billop and Capt De Lancey with the Bill entituled [An Act for discharging the present Assignees of Joseph Forman an Insolvent Debtor, and for appointing a New Assignee, and for other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Kleeck and Col Philipse with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for the more effectual vesting the real and Personal Estate whereof Abraham De Peyster Esqr late Treasurer of this Colony died seized and possessed, in Trustees for the payment of his Debts] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Walton with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for submitting the property of the Lands which are held or claimed by Grants under the Great Seal of this Colony, and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New Jersey to such a Method of Decision as his most gracious Majesty shall think proper by his royal Commission or otherwise to appoint, and for defraying the expense to accrue on the part of this Colony on the final Settlement of the said Line] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council Adjourned till 4 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Friday, the fifteenth day of February, 1771. P. M

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for discharging the present assignees of Joseph Forman an Insolvent Debtor, and for appointing a New Assignee, and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for the more effectual vesting the real and personal Estate whereof Abraham De Peyster Esqr, late Treasurer of this Colony died seized and possessed in Trustees for the Payment of his Debts] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for submitting the property of the Lands which are held or claimed by Grants under the Great Seal of this Colony, and are affected by the controversy about the Boundary or partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New Jersey, to such a Method of Decision as his most gracious Majesty shall think proper by his royal commission or otherwise to appoint; and for defraying the Expence to accrue on the part of this Colony on the final Settlement of the said Line] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the sixteenth day of February, 1771.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
JOSEPH READE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the last mentioned Bill without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act to Amend An Act Entituled An Act for the more effectual vesting the real and personal Estate whereof Abraham De Peyster Esqr, late Treasurer of this Colony died seized and possessed in Trustees for the payment of his Debts] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for submitting the Property of the Lands which are held or claimed by Grants under the Great Seal of this Colony and are affected by the Controversey about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New Jersey to such a Method of Decision as his most gracious Majesty's shall think proper by

his royal Commission or otherwise to appoint and for defraying the expence to accrue on the Part of this Colony on the final Settlement of the said Line] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

His Excellency the Right Honoble John Earl of Dunmore Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province being come to the Council Chamber,

The Speaker left the Chair, and

His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary, requiring the immediate Attendance of the General Assembly in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of both Houses, was pleased to give his Assent to thirty seven Bills, the Titles whereof are as follow Vizt:

An Act for emitting the Sum of one hundred and twenty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan, and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony, and to such Public Exigencies as the Circumstances of this Colony may from time to time render Necessary.

An Act to facilitate and explain the Duty of the Loan Officers in this Colony.

An Act for making a further Provision of two thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one year.

An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for establishing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of New York and Nova Cæsarea, or New Jersey, and for Confirming Titles and possessions.

An Act to amend an Act entituled [An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather within the City of New York.]

An Act to revive an Act entituled [An Act for the better determination of Personal Actions depending upon Accounts.]

An Act to amend an Act entituled [An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes.]

An Act to amend and continue an Act entituled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within the Colony of New York with Respect to the Imprisonment of their persons.]

An Act to amend an Act entituled [An Act for submitting the property of the Lands which are held or claimed by Grants under the Great Seal of this Colony, and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New Jersey, to such a Method of Decision as his most gracious Majesty shall think proper by his royal Commission or otherwise to appoint, and for defraying the Expence to accrue on the part of this Colony on the final Settlement of the saide Line.

An Act farther to regulate the Inspection and branding of Flour.

An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned.

An Act to confirm certain ancient Conveyances, and directing the Manner of proving Deeds to be recorded.

An Act to prevent Abuses committed by Tenants or by other Persons entering or keeping possession of Messuages Lands and Tenements before a legal Title to the same is obtained.

An Act to amend an Act entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors] by extending the same to Executors and Administrators residing out of this Colony, whose Testators or Intestates have Effects within the same.

An Act to prevent the Inconveniencies arising from Delays of Causes after Issue joined.

An Act for the apprehending of Persons in any County or place, upon Warrants granted by Justices of the Peace of any other County or Place.

An Act to prevent the taking and destroying of Salmon in Hudson's River.

An Act for the more effectual Recovery of Duties arisen in the late Treasurer's Time, and remaining yet unpaid.

An Act for raising and Collecting the Arrears of Taxes due to this Colony from the City and County of New York.

An Act for the better regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New York chosen by virtue of the Charters granted to the said City and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to amend an Act entituled [An Act to establish the Rates to be taken for Wharfage of Ships and other Vessels, and the Rates to be taken for Cranage within the City of New York.]

An Act for the more effectual punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the Cities of New York and Albany and Township of Schenectady.

An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned relative to Highways in the County of Albany.

An Act to amend and explain an Act entituled [An Act impowering the Justices of the peace living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the County of Albany, to establish and regulate a Night Watch, appoint Firemen, and other purposes therein mentioned.]

An Act to raise a Sum not exceeding forty Pounds within the Township of Schenectady for repairing the Watch House in the said Township.

An Act to revive and continue an Act entituled [An Act to appoint an Inspector of Hemp in the County of West Chester.]

An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rumbout Precinct in Dutches County to elect a Collector in the room of the one discharged by the Court to collect the Arrears of the poor Tax.

An Act to extend an Act entituled [An Act for the better regulation of the Public Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange] to the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of West Chester.

An Act to prevent the firing of Guns Pistols Squibs and other Fire Works at the Times and places therein mentioned within this Colony.

An Act to amend the Act therein mentioned relative to Highways in the County of Orange.

An Act to amend an Act entituled [An Act to encourage the taking and destroying of Wild Cats in the County of Suffolk.]

An Act to amend an Act entituled [An Act for the more effectual vesting the real and Personal Estate whereof Abraham De Peyster Esquire late Treasurer of this Colony died siezed and possessed, in Trustees for the payment of his Debts.]

An Act for confirming to the Assignees therein named the Estate of Cornelius C Wynkoop, and of Mary Catharine his Wife, heretofore assigned for the Benefit of his Creditors; and for the Relief of the said Cornelius C Wynkoop and the said Creditors.

An Act for the Relief of Elizabeth Seabury an Insolvent Debtor.

An Act to impower Philip Van Cortlandt the eldest Son and Heir at Law of Mary Walton Hughes Tenant in Tail of a certain House and Lot of Ground in the City of New York, to hold the same in Fee Simple.

An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein named.

After which his Excellency the Governor was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and adjourn the House until Monday the twenty fifth Day of February Instant.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Monday the twenty fifth Day of February Instant.

Monday, the twenty fifth day of February, 1771.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned til Thursday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Thursday, the twenty eighth day of February, 1771.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till Monday next the fourth day of March.

Monday, the fourth day of March, 1771.

His Excellency the Right Hono^ble John Earl of Dunmore Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province by Proclamation issued this Day with the Advice of his Majesty's Council was pleased to put an end to the Session by proroguing the General Assembly until Monday the 11th Day of March Instant.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 28.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

The Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *eleventh* day of this Instant Month of *March* Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* the *fourth* day of *March* 1771 in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

DUNMORE.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 33.]

By his Excellency

The Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief (L. S.) in and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *eighteenth* day of this Instant Month of *March* Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *eleventh* day of *March* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

DUNMORE.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar, *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 34.]

By his Excellency

The Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief in (L. S.) and over the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to this day I have thought fit for his Majestys service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *twenty fifth* day of this Instant Month of *March* Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice, and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York*, the *eighteenth* day of *March* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

DUNMORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D. Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 36.]

By his Excellency

The Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief in and (L. S.) over the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to this day I have thought fit for his Majestys Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *first* day of *April* now next ensuing, of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York*, the *twenty fifth* day of *March* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

DUNMORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 37.]

By his Excellency

The Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief in and (L. S.) over the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue And I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly until the *tenth* day of *April* instant. Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *April* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

DUNMORE.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*.

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 44.]

By his Excellency

The Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief in and
(L. S.) over the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *seventeenth* day of this Instant Month of *April.* Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice, and to Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York*, the *tenth* day of *April* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

DUNMORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 47.]

By his Excellency

The Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to *Wednesday* the *seventeenth* day of *April* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *twenty fourth* day of *April* Instant Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fifteenth* day of *April* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

DUNMORE.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 48.]

By his Excellency

The Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *twenty fourth* day of *April* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *first* day of *May* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty second* day of *April* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth

DUNMORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 50.]

By his Excellency

The Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief in
(L. S.) and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *sixth* day of *June* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

DUNMORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 54.]

By his Excellency

The Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief in (L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *sixth* day of *June* now next ensuing I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *third* day of *July* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

DUNMORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 66.]

By his Excellency

The Right Honorable JOHN Earl of DUNMORE Captain General and Governor in Chief in (L. S.) and over the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *seventh* day of *August* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *third* day of *July* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

DUNMORE.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 69.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *seventh* day of *August* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *fourth* day of *September* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *July* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

Wm TRYON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*.

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 82.

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *fourth* day of *September* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *second* day of *October* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York*, the *twenty eighth* day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

Wm TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*.

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 97.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *second* day of *October* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly until the *sixth* day of *November* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirtieth* day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *eleventh* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth

W^M TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 127.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *sixth* day of *November* Instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *fourth* day of *December* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the city of *New York* the *fifth* day of *November* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *twelfth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W^M TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVII., 138.]

By His Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *fourth* day of *December* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *Seventh* day of *January* now next ensuing then to meet to proceed upon Business Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *second* day of *December* one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, in the *twelfth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W^M TRYON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

THIRTY-FIRST ASSEMBLY FOURTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Council *and* General Assembly *of the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the* seventh *day of* January, *in the* Twelfth year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy two.

His Excellency the R^t Hono^ble John Earl of Dunmore Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, having on the fourth day of March last prorogued the General Assembly by Proclamation to the eleventh of the same month, was afterwards pleased by divers other Proclamations to prorogue them as follows to witt. On the eleventh day of March to the eighteenth. On the eighteenth to the twenty fifth. On the twenty fifth of March to the first day of April. On the first of April to the tenth. On the tenth to the seventeenth. On the fifteenth to the twenty fourth. On the twenty second day of April to the first day of May. On the first day of May to the sixth day of June. On the twenty ninth day of May to the third day of July, and on the the third day of July to the seventh day of August. And his Excellency William Tryon Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, having on the ninth day of July published his Majesty's Commission as such he was pleased by sundry Proclamations farther to prorogue the General Assembly on and to the days following, that is to say. On the twenty ninth day of July to the fourth day of September. On the twenty eighth day of August to the second day of October. On the thirtieth day of September to the sixth day of November. On

the fifth day of November to the fourth day of December and on the second day of December to the seventh day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy two then to meet to proceed upon Business.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Hon*^{ble} DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the eighth day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*^{ble} DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency William Tryon Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same being come to the Council Chamber,

The Speaker left the Chair, and

His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House in the Council Chamber, and

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency the Governor then made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another Copy to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Excellency the Governor as also the General Assembly having left the Council Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that his Excellencys Speech be read.

Then the Speech was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House, and the same is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly

While I reflect on the important Duties attendant on the elevated Station in which it has graciously pleased my royal Master to place me, and that I have the Honour to succeed the noble Personage who so justly merited the high Applause he received from a grateful People, my Heart is filled with every sensible Anxiety, but when I review the honorable and affectionate Addresses presented to me on my arrival, my Spirits are cheared with the most pleasing expectations; That these may be realized I am now to entreat the aid of your united and generous Efforts in support of an administration which can be only successfull in proportion to the assistance I receive from you.

Through the extensive Benificence of my Sovereign unsolicited and unexpected I appear in the Rank I now stand before you. Finding my own Health and that of my Family greatly impaired by a Southern Climate, I had requested and actually obtained the Kings leave to return to my native Country; soon after which three weighty Objects presented themselves to my view. The Distractions of the Province I was in, my appointment to this Government, and the Regard due to a Family oppressed with Sickness: on the one side the support of a People Friends to the Laws, attached to the Constitution and Loyal to their Prince, was offered me to

suppress an Insurrection that had even subverted their Civil Liberties; On the other my Inclination led me to accept the more friendly Invitation to this happy climate where I expected to reap those Benefits which my Family have since in a great measure experienced in their Health; Public Duty however prevailing over every other passionate Desire, my Honour and my services I held engaged in the Public Cause free from any motive of Revenge or feeling other Resentment than what sprung from a sense of my Country's Wrongs. The Enterprize was successfull and the Event crowned with the perfect Restoration of good Order and publick Peace to the Country; Blessings under Providence effected by a small Body of Officers and men whose spirited conduct has made the deepest Impressions of Gratitude on my mind. This service unavoidably prevented my paying an earlier Obedience to his Majesty's Commands and my own wishes by repairing to this Government.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

Having nothing in Command immediately from his Majesty to communicate, it is my Duty to point out to you the Necessity of framing a Militia Bill upon such a system as will render it most useful in Defence of the Country.

The Injuries of Time and Storms have so defaced the Fortifications of this City that they require a thorough Repair as soon as the season will admit; I am therefore to recommend to you to provide as well for this essential Work, as the supplies for his Majestys Troops and the support of Government.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

It is from the very favourable Reception I have met with since my arrival that I draw my most assured Hopes of future Happiness among you. Influenced only by Principles that flow from an honest Heart, I feel an ardent Desire to co-operate with you in every Measure that will best promote the Honour and Dignity of his Majesty's Government, and advance the real Felicity of a People eminently distinguished by their Loyalty to the best of Sovereigns and affectionate Disposition to their Mother Country.

City of New York
8th January 1772.

Wm TYRON.

Ordered, that his Excellency's Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Axtell then moved that an humble Address by presented to his Excellency the Governor in Answer to his Speech, which motion being seconded and agreed to

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace Mr White and Mr Axtell be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they prepare and bring in the same by Monday next.

The Council adjourned until Friday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Friday, the tenth day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

Present — *The Honble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

John Watts,
Roger Morris,
William Smith,
Henry Cruger,
Hugh Wallace,
Henry White,
William Axtell, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned until Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the thirteenth day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Wallace from the Committee appointed to prepare the draft of an humble Address to his Excellency the Governor in Answer to his Speech reported that the Committee had prepared the same, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Draft in at the Table where the same was again read, and being amended, was agreed to and

Ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governor was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the said Address and the Speaker having signed the same accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace and Mr White do wait on his Excellency the Governor, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their humble Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned reported that they had waited on his Excellency the Governor accordingly and that being indisposed at present he had been pleased to say he would send Notice to the House of the Time he should appoint to receive their Address.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday Morning next at 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the fifteenth day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman and Mr Clinton with the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue an Act intituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Col Woodhull with the Bill intituled [An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Brinckerhoff with the Bill intituled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding sixteen hundred pounds for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Mr De Lancey with the Bill intituled [An Act to revive and continue An Act intituled An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires in the City of New York] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Seaman and Mr De Noyelles with the Bill intituled [An Act to revive an Act intituled An Act for the better regulating the public Roads in the City and County of New York, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow 12 o Clock.

Thursday, the sixteenth day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

Oliver De Lancey,
Roger Morris,
William Smith, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue an Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties [and Impositions] on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was Read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Commiited.

The Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding sixteen hundred pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was Read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue an Act entituled An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for the better regulating the public Roads in the City and County of New York and to levy money to defray the Expense thereof] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the seventeenth day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honble* Daniel Horsmanden, Esqr, Speaker,

John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Roger Morris,
Henry Cruger,
Henry White,
William Axtell, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary acquainting this House that his Excellency was ready to receive the humble Address of this House immediately at Fort George

The Speaker left the Chair, and

With the House proceeded to Fort George to present the humble Address of this House to his Excellency the Governor, and being returned,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the House attended his Excellency the Governor, and presented to him the humble Address of this House, his Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto: Which being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Journals of this House, which are as follow

To his Excellency WILLIAM TRYON Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The humble ADDRESS of the Council for the province of New York.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council for the province of New York thank your Excellency for your Speech, and with the sincerest Respect congratulate you on your Appointment to the Command of this Colony.

The Readiness with which you anticipate our grateful Acknowledgments to your noble predecessor, as an Instance of your Generosity, is an Ernest that the same liberal Spirit, which distinguished the Government of the Earl of Dunmore, will animate and influence your own.

Permit us in Justice to ourselves, and in Return for that Regard which his Lordship still publicly professes for this province, to join the general Voice in celebrating the Equity Impartiality and Disinterestedness of his Administration.

It is nevertheless with the greatest pleasure we Declare, that we have the fullest Confidence in your Excellency: and that we consider the Commission of the province to your Care, as a fresh proof of the paternal Affection, of which his Majesty has given us ample and constant Experience: And in proportion to the Honor you acquire from its being the unsolicited Act of his Royal Wisdom and Munificence, is the Satisfaction it affords to us.

Sensible of the Necessity of Government for the Enjoyment and Preservation of Freedom, we cannot withhold this Public Testimony of our Applause, for that Spirited and Prudent Conduct, by which you lately restored Order and the Blessings of Peace to a neighbouring Colony, and suppressed an Insurrection subversive of tha Civil Liberties of that Country: The Honour of that Enterprize is the greater for the Risk to which you exposed yourself, and crowned by the Consideration of your voluntary Submission to that important and necessary Service.

We feel a singular Happiness in the Assurance we give your Excellency, that the loyal and affectionate Fidelity of this Province, will call your Attention to the more agreeable Office of cultivating its Prosperity, by the Acts of Policy and Peace: Qualified and inclined as you are to support the Dignity of the Crown, and defend the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, we entertain the most flattering hopes that the steady Pursuit of these great and inseparable Objects, will raise the Colony now under your Direction to a State of the highest Felicity.

We rejoice with you Sir in the Recovery of your own and the Health of your Family: and shall be ever ready to contribute our Aid to your private Ease, the Honour and Success of your Government, and the Advancement of the true Interest of the Community.

By Order of the Council,

New York 13th January 1772 DAN HORSMANDEN Speaker.

His EXCELLENCY'S Answer.

Gentlemen:

I return you my sincere Thanks for your Congratulations on my Appointment to the Command of this Colony.

The Liberality of your sentiments respecting my late Public Services, with the Assurances you give me to contribute your Aid to my private Ease, the Honour and Success of my Administration, and the Advancement of the true Interest of the Community; are Circumstances not less flattering than grateful to me: Be assured the Assistance of your Abilities, and Friendly Counsel, will not fail to animate my Endeavours for the Public good.

W^M TRYON.

Fort George New York 17th of Jan^ry 1772.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue an Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to revive and continue an Act entituled An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act for the better regulating the Public Roads in the City and County of New York, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, or the major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding sixteen hundred pounds for the uses therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the eighteenth day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue an Act entituled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather in the City of New York] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act for the better regulating the public Roads in the City and County of New York and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Schuyler and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill intituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the time being, or the major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds for the Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Orkered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Billop and Mr Clinton with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in the Counties of Ulster and Orange] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty first day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*[ble] OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquire, Speaker,

CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Excellency the Governor which being read was ordered to be entered in the Journal of this House and is as follows:

Gentlemen,

As nothing gives greater Credit to a Country than Establishments of Public Utility so it is not more at the instance of many of the principal Gentlemen in this Government, than in Compliance with my own Inclination, that I request of you to take under your Care and protection, an Institution planned by a Society lately incorporated for founding an Hospital in this City for the Reception of the Poor, debilitated by Age, or oppressed with Infirmities. The many advantages arising to a Community from a public Hospital, not to mention the Honour it reflects on its Inhabitants, are obvious to every one, and will ever be readily acknowledged by the Humane and Benevolent; and altho' Infirmaries and charitable Foundations usually owe their origin to the Bounty and voluntary Contribution of Individuals yet being calculated to guard against public Calamities and Distresses, they call for the public Aid and Assistance to give them Duration and Stability. A becoming generosity in the Legislature of a Country for the charitable purpose of relieving the aged, indigent and infirm, loaded with Ills, which Nature of itself is unable to sustain, is ever esteemed the strongest proof of National Virtue. I shall not presume to prescribe to you either the Mode or the Measure of your Liberality. Your knowledge of the police of this Government will best point out to you the former; Christian Benevolence and your own Feelings suggest the latter.

Fort George New York
18th January 1772.

WM TRYON.

The Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major Part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding sixteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act for the better regulating the Public Roads in the City and County of New York and to levy Money to defray the expense thereof] without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the time being or the Major Part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in the Counties of Ulster and Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Philipse and Col Schuyler with the Bill entituled [An Act to regulate the sale of Goods at Public Vendue Auction or Outcry within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt De Lancey and Mr Ten Broeck with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for the better determination of Personal Actions depending upon Accounts] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the twenty second day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency the Governor having required the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber in Fort George,

The Speaker left the Chair, and with the Council proceeded thither accordingly, where being met, His Excellency came to the Council Chamber and sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate Attendance of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor in presence of both Houses was pleased to give his assent to four Bills, the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act further to continue An Act intituled "An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned"

An Act for the Inspection of Sole Leather in the City of New York.

An Act to revive An Act intituled "An Act for the better regulating the public Roads in the City and County of New York, and to levy Money to defray the Expences thereof.

An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding sixteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned.

The Speaker with the Council being returned to the Council Chamber in the City Hall,

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty third day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Smith moved that a Bill which he had in his Hand intituled [An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages and for securing the Purchasers of mortgaged Estates] might be read.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the Major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in the Counties of Ulster and Orange] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act to regulate the Sale of Goods at Public Vendue, Auction or Outcry within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled " An Act for the better determination of Personal Actions depending upon Accounts] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act for confirming to Zebulon Williams second son of Temperance the Daughter of John Williams late of Jericho in the Bounds of Oyster Bay in Queens County in the Province of New York Yeoman deceased and to Robert Williams second Son of Hannah another Daughter of the said John Williams who were heretofore respectively called Zebulon Seaman and Robert Seaman the Sirname of Williams which they have lately respectively assumed conformable to the last Will and Testament of the said John Williams devising to them certain Lands in the Township of Oyster Bay in the Parish of Hempstead] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Witt and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy two to the first day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy three inclusive] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty fourth day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*[ble] JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to regulate the sale of Goods at Public Vendue Auction or Outcry within this Colony] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Bill entituled [An Act for confirming to Zebulon Williams second Son of Temperance the Daughter of John Williams late of Jericho in the Bounds of Oyster Bay in Queens County in the Province of New York Yeoman deceased and to Robert Williams second Son of Hannah another Daughter of the said John Williams who were heretofore respectively called Zebulon Seaman and Robert Seaman the Surname of Williams which they have lately respectively assumed conformable to the last Will and Testament of the said John Williams devising to them certain Lands in the Township of Oyster Bay in the Parish of Hempstead] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Axtell from the Commitee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Bill entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first Day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy two to the first Day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy three inclusive] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary brought to the House a Message from his Excellency the Governor which being read was

Ordered to be entered in the Journal of this House and is as follows

Gentlemen

By an Extract of the King's Instructions to me herewith transmitted, you will see I am required and directed to apply to you to Pass a Law for collecting a Powder Duty: and upon enquiring into the State and Condition of the Ammunition for the Defence of this Province, I find there are but few Barrels remaining for the Public Service: I am therefore to recommend to you to frame such a Law as will correspond with his Majesty's Wishes, and be most effectual in furnishing a constant and regular Supply of Ammunition.

Fort George New York 24th January 1772. WM TRYON.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday the twenty eighth day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to regulate the Sale of Goods at Public Vendue Auction or Outcry within this Colony] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act for confirming to Zebulon Williams second Son of Temperance the Daughter of John Williams late of Jericho in the Bounds of Oyster Bay in Queens County in the Province of New York Yeoman deceased and to Robert Williams second son of Hannah another Daughter of the said John Williams who were heretofore respectively called Zebulon Seaman and Robert Seaman, the Sirname of Williams which they have lately respectively assumed conformable to the last Will and Testament of the said John Williams devising to them certain lands in the Township of Oyster Bay in the parish of Hempstead] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first Day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy two to the first Day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy three inclusive] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Colonel Ten Broeck with the Bill entituled [An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Vessells for defraying the Expence of the Light House at Sandy Hook] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages and for securing the purchasers of Mortgaged Estates] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till Thursday Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday the thirtieth day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycense] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Schuyler and Mr Kissam with the Bill entituled [An Act to extend An Act entituled "An Act for the better Regulation of the Public Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange, to the City and County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Rapalje with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Bar Iron exposed to sale in this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Colonel Ten Broeck with the Bill entituled [An Act for the better preventing frivolous and vexatious suits] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Woodhul with the Bill entituled [An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to lay a duty of Tonage on Vessells for defraying the expence of the Light House at Sandy Hook] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the thirty first day of January, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill entituled [An Act to lay a Duty of Toneage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light House at Sandy Hook] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to extend An Act entituled An Act for the better regulation of the Public Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange, to the City and County of Albany, with an addition thereto] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Bar Iron exposed to Sale in this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered, a third Reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the better preventing frivolous and vexatious Suits] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee hae gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the Bill entituled [An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, to the first day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy three Inclusive] and the Bill entituled [An Act to lay a Duty of Tonage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light House at Sandy Hook] without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual Registry of mortgages, and for securing the Purchasors of mortgaged Estates] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same being again read and agreed to

Ordered, that the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the fourth day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act further to continue an Act entituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycense] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act to extend an Act entitled "An Act for the better Regulation of the public Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange;" to the City and County of Albany, with an addition thereto] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Bar Iron exposed to Sale in this Colony] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the better preventing frivolous and vexatious Suits] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Philipse and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Justices, Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Westchester in the County of Westchester to raise a Sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt and Mr Gale with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent infectious Distempers in the Counties therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned until Thursday Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the sixth day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act to enable the Justices, Church Wardens and Vestry of the parish of Westchester in the County of Westchester to raise a sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent infectious Distempers in the Counties therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday the seventh day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The engrossed Bill entituled [An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages and for securing the Purchasers of Mortgaged Estates] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Justices, Church wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Westchester in the County of Westchester to raise a Sum not exceeding Five hundred Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to & approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Wednesday, the twelfth day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the thirteenth day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon^bles* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue an Act entituled [An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires in the City of New York] was read the third time and
On the Question being put,
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill, and the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Justices, Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of West Chester in the County of West Chester to raise a sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds for the Purposes therein mentioned] without any amendment.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Billopp with the Bill entituled [An Act to confirm certain Acts and Orders made by Justices of the Peace being of the Quorum notwithstanding any Defect in not expressing therein that such Justices of the Peace are of the Quorum] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue An Act entituled An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Col Philipse and Mr Wilkins with the Bill entituled [An Act for making a further provision of two thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one year] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
Mr Watts moved that a Bill which he held in his hand entituled [An Act to prevent the Danger and punish the pernicious Practice of lodging Gunpowder in dwelling Houses or Stores within the City of New York or on board of Vessels within the Harbour.]
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the fourteenth day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hon*[ble] DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for the better Determination of personal Actions depending upon Accounts] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Ameudment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act for making a further Provision of Two thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one year] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to confirm certain Acts and Orders made by Justices of the Peace being of the Quorum, notwithstanding any Defect in not expressing therein that such Justices of the peace are of the Quorum] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue An Act entituled An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in repair common and publick Highways in the County of Cumberland] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Woodhull and Mr Van Kleeck with the Bill entituled [An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Danger and punish the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in dwelling Houses and Stores within the City of New York or on board of Vessels within the Harbour] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, altered the Title and made several amendments to the Bill which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table, where the same being read and agreed to

Ordered, that the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the eighteenth day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The engrossed Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling Houses, Stores or other places within the City of New York or on board of Vessels within the Harbour] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their concurrence thereto.

The Bill entituled [An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Woodhull and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for returning Neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners so far as it relates to Suffolk, Queens and West Chester Counties] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Mr De Witt with the Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair common and publick Highways in Richmond County, and for suspending the two Acts therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act for regulating of Inns and Taverns in the County of Cumberland] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wilkins and Mr Rapalje with the Bill entituled [An Act to extend to the County of West Chester An Act entituled "An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the nineteenth day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Hon*[ble] DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Bill entituled [An Act for making a further provision of two thousand pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with necessaries for one year] was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Bill entituled [An Act to confirm certain Acts and Orders made by Justices of the Peace being of the Quorum notwithstanding any Defect in not expressing therein that such Justices of the Peace are of the Quorum] was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that M[r] Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two abovementioned Bills without any amendment.
The Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue an Act entituled An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland] was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for returning neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners, so far as it relates to Suffolk Queens and Westchester Counties] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill entitled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in Richmond County and for suspending the two Acts therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Bill entitled [An Act for regulating of Inns and Taverns in the County of Cumberland] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Bill entituled [An Act to extend to the County of Westchester an Act entituled An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twentieth day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hon*^{ble} DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for returning Neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners, so far as it relates to Suffolk, Queens and Westchester Counties] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill entituled An Act to revive and continue An Act intituled An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland] without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in repair common and public Highways in Richmond County, and for suspending the two Acts therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for regulating of Inns and Taverns in the County of Cumberland] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to extend to the County of Westchester an Act entituled An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Woodhull and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the County of Suffolk] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty first day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the County of Suffolk] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Schuyler and Mr Gale with the Bill entituled [An Act to divide the County of Albany into three Counties] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the twenty second day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the morning.

Tuesday, the twenty fifth day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* ROGER MORRIS, Esquire, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to divide the County of Albany into three Counties] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Noyelles and Mr Walton with the Bill entituled [An Act for defraying a Moiety of the Expences accrued on setling the contested Boundaries between the patented Lands commonly called Cheesecocks and Kakiate] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Colonel Philipse with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue an Act entituled An Act for raising and collecting the arrears of Taxes due to this Colony from the City and County of New York; with some Additions thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Kleeck and Mr Billop with the Bill entituled [An Act to enable any one of the Coroners for the different Counties within this Colony to make return to Process] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the twenty sixth day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for defraying a Moiety of the Expences accrued on setling the contested Boundaries between the patented Lands commonly called Cheesecocks and Kakiate] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue an Act entituled An Act for raising and collecting the Arrears of Taxes due to this Colony from the City and County of New York; with some Additions thereto] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to enable any one of the Coroners for the different Counties within this Colony to make Return to Process] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

Ordered, that Mr Watts do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the Bill entituled [An Act to extend to the County of Westchester An Act entituled An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] without any Amendment.

His Excellency William Tryon Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, being come to the Council Chamber

The Speaker left the Chair, and

His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his assent to Nineteen Bills the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act for making a further provision of two thousand pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops Quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one year.

An Act for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, to the first day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy three inclusive.

An Act to lay a Duty of Tonnage on Vessels for defraying the Expence of the Light House at Sandy Hook.

An Act to regulate the Sale of Goods at public Vendue Auction or Out-cry within this Colony

An Act for the better preventing frivolous and vexatious Suits.

An Act to confirm certain Acts and Orders made by Justices of the peace being of the Quorum notwithstanding any Defect in not expressing therein that such Justices of the peace are of the Quorum.

An Act to revive an Act entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Bar Iron exposed to Sale in this Colony.

An Act further to continue an Act entituled An Act to restrain Hawkers and pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence.

An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for the better determination of personal Actions depending upon accounts.

An Act to revive and continue an Act entituled An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires in the City of New York.

An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the time being, or the major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds for the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to extend to the County of Westchester, an Act entituled An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the Justices, Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Westchester in the County of Westchester to raise a Sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to extend an Act entituled An Act for the better regulation of the Public Inns and Taverns in the Counties of Ulster and Orange; to the City and County of Albany with an addition thereto.

An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for returning Neat Cattle and Sheep to their Owners so far as it relates to Suffolk, Queens and Westchester Counties.

An Act to prevent the use of Spirituous Liquors at Vendues in the Counties of Ulster and Orange.

An Act to revive and continue an Act entituled An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland.

An Act for regulating of Inns and Taverns in the County of Cumberland.

An Act for confirming to Zebulon Williams second Son of Temperance the Daughter of John Williams late of Jericho in the Bounds of Oyster Bay in Queens County, in the Province of New York Yeoman deceased; and to Robert Williams second Son of Hannah another Daughter of the said John Williams who were heretofore respectively called Zebulon Seaman and Robert Seaman, the Sirname of Williams which they have lately respectively assumed, conformable to the last Will and Testament of the said John Williams devising to them certain Lands in the Township of Oyster Bay in the Parish of Hempstead.

After which his Excellency the Governor left the Council Chamber and the General Assembly returned to their Houses.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty seventh day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Brinkerhoff with the Bill entituled [An Act to impower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try causes to the value of Five pounds and under, and for suspending An Act therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt and Mr Jauncey with the Bill entituled [An Act to fix and ascertain from whence the Mileage Fees of the respective Constables of the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester shall be computed] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Noyelles and Mr Clinton with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for returning of able and sufficient Jurors and for the better regulation of Juries] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till Saturday morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the twenty ninth day of February, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Colonel Philipse with the Bill entituled [An Act for the Amendment of the Law and the better advancement of Justice] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Rapalje with the Bill entituled [An Act better to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brinkerhoff and Captain De Lancey with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways and private Roads in the County of Dutches] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to impower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try causes to the value of Five pounds and under, and for suspending An Act therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to fix and ascertain from whence the Mileage Fees of the respective Constables of the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester shall be computed] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for returning of able and sufficient Jurors and for the better Regulation of Juries] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same were again read, and the Amendments being agreed to, the same were

Ordered to be engrossed and being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do carry the said Bill back to the General Assembly with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the Bill with the said Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to divide the County of Albany into three Counties] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put.

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to revive and continue An Act entituled An Act for raising and collecting the arrears of Taxes due to this Colony from the City and County of New York, with some additions thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain De Lancey and Mr De Noyelles with the Bill entituled An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes] and the Amendments made thereto by this House, acquainting this House hat the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended, by inserting in page 1 Line 13, after the word *Inspection* the Words [and for weighing the same, and delivering to the proprietor an Invoice or Weigh Note under his Hand of the Weight of each Cask] By striking out the Word *February* in page 5 Line 8 and instead thereof inserting the Word *January;* and by striking out the Word *three* in page 5 Line 9 and inserting instead thereof the Word *Five.*

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday the third day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enable any one of the Coroners for the different Counties to make Return to Process] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made an Amendment thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the same was again read, and the Amendment being agreed to, the same was

Ordered to be engrossed, and being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do carry the said Bill back to the General Assembly with the Amendment made thereto by this House and acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the Bill with the said Amendment to which they desire their Concurrence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to fix and ascertain from whence the Mileage Fees of the respective Constables of the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester shall be computed] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill entituled [An Act for rendering more effectual An Act intituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr De Noyelles with the Bill entituled [An Act to divide the precinct of Newburgh in the County of Ulster into two precincts] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Kleeck and Mr Walton with the Bill entituled [An Act for dividing the South Precinct in the County of Dutches into three Precincts] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Billop and Mr Wilkins with the Bill entituled [An Act for the better security of Rents, and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Amendment of the Law and the better advancement of Justice] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act better to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways and private Roads in the County of Dutchess] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Jauncey with the Bill entituled [An Act to enable any one of the Coroners for the different Counties within this Colony to make Return to Process] with the amendment made thereto by this House, acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendment, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by adding at the End of the Bill the following Clause—[Provided always and be it also enacted that the Act or Return of one or more of the Coroners shall in no Degree prejudice the rest, and that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to extend to any Venire Facias or other Jury Process in any Case whatsoever.]

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the fourth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*[ble] OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esq[r], Speaker,

CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Gale with the Bill entituled [An Act for discharging the present Assignees of Joseph Forman an Insolvent Debtor and for appointing another Assignee and for other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to divide the precinct of Newburgh in the County of Ulster into two Precincts] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for rendering more effectual An Act entituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for dividing the South Precinct in the County of Dutches into three Precincts] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the better security of Rents and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the fifth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill Entituled [An Act for discharging the present assignees of Joseph Forman an Insolvent Debtor, and for appointing a new assignee and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act to raise one thousand Pounds in the Precincts of Goshen and Cornwall in the County of Orange to build a Court House in the Town of Goshen and for other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the amendment of the Law and the better advancement of Justice] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the better security of Rents and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Col. Woodhull with the Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devisees] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for rendering more effectual an Act intituled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to divide the Precinct of Newburgh in the County of Ulster into two Precincts] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for defraying a Moiety of the Expences accrued on setling the contested Boundaries between the patented Lands commonly called Cheescocks and Kakiate] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and Public Highways and private Roads in the County of Dutches] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 o Clock.

Friday, the sixth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*[ble] JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devisees] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to raise one thousand Pounds in the Precincts of Goshen and Cornwall in the County of Orange to build a Court House in the Town of Goshen and for other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Mr Brinckerhoff with the Bill entituled [An Act for enabling the sale of Goods distrained for Rent in Case the Rent be not paid in a reasonable time] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the seventh day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Boerum with the Engrossed Bill sent from this House entituled [An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages and for securing the Purchasers of mortgaged Estates] acquainting this House that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to impower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the Value of Five Pounds and under, and for suspending An Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair and
Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table where the Amendment was again read and being agreed to, was
Ordered to be engrossed and being engrossed
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.
Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Morris do carry the Bill back to the General Assembly with the Amendment made thereto by this House and acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the Bill with the said Amendment to which they desire the Concurrence of that House.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to raise one thousand Pounds in the Precincts of Goshen and Cornwall in the County of Orange to build a Court House in the Town of Goshen and for other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devisees] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act for enabling the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent in Case the Rent be not paid in a reasonable Time] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Billop with the Bill entituled [An Act to revise digest and print the Laws of this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Witt and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act to settle how far Owners of Ships shall be Answerable for the Acts of Masters or Mariners] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr Van Kleek with the Bill entituled [An Act for the better ascertaining the Boundaries of the Counties of Cumberland and Gloucester] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Billop with the Bill entituled [An Act for the Inspection of Flax in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to fix and ascertain from whence the Mileage Fees of the respective Constables of the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester shall be computed] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

A Messsage from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Woodhull with the Bill entituled [An Act to impower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the Value of Five Pounds and under and for suspending an Act therein mentioned] with the Amendment made thereto by this House acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendment and desire that the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by striking out the Words *at his own House* in the fifteenth Line of the Ninth Page of the Bill.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the tenth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquire, Speaker,

CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the destruction of Fish in the County of Suffolk] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time and
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for enabling the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent in Case the Rent be not paid in a reasonable Time] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the same, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Van Kleek with the Bill entituled [An Act to settle and establish the Line or Lines of Division between the City of New York, and the Township of Harlem, so far as concerns the Right of Soil in Controversy] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entituled [An Act to raise the Sum of One hundred and Fifty Pounds on the Lands therein mentioned for the use of clearing and opening the Creek commonly called Crommeline's Creek and for other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr Billop with the Bill entituled [An Act for giving Relief on Promissory Notes] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for discharging the present assignees of Joseph Forman an Insolvent Debtor and for appointing a new assignee and for other Purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Bill entituled [An Act to revise digest and print the Laws of this Colony] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill entituled [An Act to settle how far Owners of Ships shall be answerable for the Acts of the Masters or Mariners] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill entituled [An Act for the better ascertaining the Boundaries of the Counties of Cumberland and Gloucester] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill entituled [An Act for the Inspection of Flax in the City of New York] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act better to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and being agreed to

Ordered, that the said Amendments be ingrossed and that the Bill be read the third time as amended.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the eleventh day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for dividing the south Precinct in the County of Dutches into three Precincts] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill entituled [An Act for discharging the present assignees of Joseph Forman an Insolvent Debtor, and for appointing a new Assignee, and for other Purposes therein mentioned] without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled [An Act to revise digest and print the Laws of this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill entituled [An Act to settle how far Owners of Ships shall be answerable for the acts of the Masters or Mariners] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the Inspection of Flax in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Bill entitled [An Act to settle and establish the Line or Lines of Division between the City of New York and the Township of Harlem, so far as concerns the Right of Soil in Controversy] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to raise the sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds on the Lands therein mentioned, for the use of clearing and opening the Creek commonly called Crommelin's Creek, and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for giving Relief on Promissory Notes] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Rapalje with the Bill entituled [An Act for punishing of Accessories to Felonies and Receivers of Stolen Goods, and to prevent the wilful burning and Destroying of Ships] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Colonel Seaman, with the Bill entituled [An Act to oblige the Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions to determine Appeals made to them according to the Merits of the Case, notwithstanding Defects of Form in the original Proceedings; and to oblige Persons suing forth Writs of Certiorari to remove Orders made on such Appeals into the Supreme Court of this Colony, to give security to prosecute the same with Effect] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr. Ten Broeck with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act to ascertain the Size of Casks in which white Bread shall be packed within the City of New York, and to regulate the Manner in which the same shall be sold] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt De Lancey and Col. Schuyler with the Bill entituled [An Act for regulating of Trials in Cases of Treason and Misprision of Treason] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twelfth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to settle and establish the Line or Lines of Division between the City of New York and the Township of Harlem, so far as concerns the Right of Soil in Controversy] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the same and had directed him to report the same Bill without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to raise the sum of One hundred and Fifty Pounds on the Lands therein mentioned for the use of clearing and opening the Creek commonly called Crommelin's Creek and for other Purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for giving Relief on Promissory Notes] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act for punishing of Accessories to Felonies, and Receivers of stolen Goods, and to prevent the wilful Burning and destroying of Ships] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to oblige the Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions to determine Appeals made to them according to the Merits of the case, notwithstanding Defects of Form in the Original Proceedings, and to oblige Persons suing forth Writs of Certiorari to remove Orders made on such Appeals into the Supreme Court of this Colony, to give security to prosecute the same with Effect] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act to ascertain the Size of Casks in which white Bread shall be packed, within the City of New York, and to regulate the Manner in which the same shall be sold] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for regulating of Trials in Cases of Treason and Misprision of Treason] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Woodhul and Mr Kissam with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for the more effectual Preservation of Deer and other Game, and the destruction of Wolves, Wild Cats and other Vermin, so far as it relates to the Township of Huntington and the Precinct of Islip in Suffolk County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles & Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Parishes and other Places from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children born within the same] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Wit and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act to enable Posthumous children to take Estates as if born in their Fathers Life Time] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

His Excellency William Tryon Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and for the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same being come to the Council Chamber

The Speaker left the Chair, and

His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly, requiring the immediate Attendance of that House.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of both Houses was pleased to give his Assent to Eight Bills the Titles whereof are as follow Viz'

An Act to impower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen, to try Causes to the Value of Five Pounds and under, and for suspending an Act therein mentioned.

An Act the better to ascertain the Quality of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

An Act to divide the County of Albany into three Counties.

An Act to revive and continue An Act, entituled, An Act for raising and collecting the Arrears of Taxes due to this Colony, from the City and County of New York; with some Additions thereto.

An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways, and private Roads in the County of Dutches.

An Act to raise one thousand Pounds in the Precincts of Goshen and Cornwall in the County of Orange, to build a Court House in the Town of Goshen, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to divide the Precinct of Newburgh in the County of Ulster into two Precincts.

An Act to fix and ascertain from whence the Mileage Fees of the respective Constables of the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester, shall be computed.

After which his Excellency the Governor left the Council Chamber, and the General Assembly being returned to the Assembly Chamber,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the thirteenth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Schuyler and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act for the better support of the Hospital to be erected in the City of New York for Sick and Indigent Persons] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Broeck and Mr Billop with the Bill entituled [An Act to divide the Counties of Albany and Tryon into Districts] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for the more effectual Preservation of Deer and other Game and the Destruction of Wolves Wild Cats and other Vermin; so far as it relates to the Township of Huntington and the Precinct of Islip in Suffolk County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to enable Posthumous Children to take Estates as if born in their Fathers Life Time] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Parishes and other Places from such Charges as may arise from Bastard children born within the same] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for punishing of Accessories to Felonies and Receivers of stolen Goods, and to prevent the wilful burning and destroying of ships] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to oblige the Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions to determine Appeals made to them according to the Merits of the Case, notwithstanding Defects of Form in the original Proceedings, and to oblige Persons suing forth Writs of Certiorari to remove Orders made on such Appeals into the Supreme Court of this Colony, to give security to prosecute the same to Effect] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendments.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act to ascertain the Size of Casks in which white Bread shall be packed within the City of New York; and to regulate the Manner in which the same shall be sold] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for regulating of Trials in Cases of Treason and Misprision of Treason] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the fourteenth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

Present — *The Hon*ble John Watts, Esquire, Speaker,

Oliver De Lancey,
Henry Cruger,
Henry White,
William Axtell, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Davis and Colonel Woodhull with the Bill entituled [An Act to remove Doubts in the Administration of Oaths] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr Billop with the Bill entituled [An Act to extend an Act entituled An Act for the supervising Intestates Estates and regulating the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration, to the Counties therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col: Ten Broeck and Captain Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Wit and Mr Gale with the Bill entituled [An Act to divide the Precinct of the Wall Kill in Ulster County into two Precincts, and other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the better Support of the Hospital to be erected in the City of New York for Sick and Indigent Persons] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to divide the Counties of Albany and Tryon into Precincts] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enable Posthumous Children to take Estates as if born in their Fathers Life time] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entituled An Act for the more effectual Preservation of Deer and other Game, and the Destruction of Wolves Wild Catts and other Vermin; so far as it relates to the Township of Huntington and the precinct of Islip in Suffolk County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the sixteenth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr De Witt with the Bill entituled [An Act for erecting a more convenient Court House and Goal; for altering the Terms appointed for holding the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace; and for enabling the Inhabitants to elect Supervisors and other County Officers in and for the County of Cumberland] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wilkins and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Charlotte to raise and defray the public and necessary Charges of the said County and to choose County Officers] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Ten Broeck and Captain Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating clearing and keeping in repair the public Roads and Highways in the Counties of Albany and Tryon] desiring the Concurrence of the Counties thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to remove Doubts in the Administration of Oaths] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to divide the Precinct of the Walkill in Ulster County into two Precincts and other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Infectious Distempers in the Counties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill entituled [An Act for the better support of the Hospital to be erected in the City of New York for Sick and Indigent Persons] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to divide the Counties of Albany and Tryon into Districts] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the seventeenth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Witt and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating clearing and keeping in repair the public Highways in the county of Ulster; and for suspending the two acts therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Captain Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act for dividing and setting apart such Lands in the patent of Wawayanda in the County of Orange as are held by the owners of Goshen Town Rights in Common with the proprietors of those Lotts in the said Patent which were divided and ballotted for by Commissioners pursuant to an Act of this Colony entituled An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for Partition of Lands in Order thereto; and also to prevent Doubts respecting the Division of the said Patent made by the said Commissioners] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for erecting a more convenient Court House and Goal; for altering the Terms appointed for holding the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace and for enabling the Inhabitants to elect Supervisors and other County officers in and for the County of Cumberland] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Charlotte to raise and defray the public and necessary charges of the said county and to choose County Officers] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating clearing and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the Counties of Albany and Tryon] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to extend an Act entituled An Act for supervising Intestates Estates and regulating the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration to the counties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill entituled [An Act to divide the counties of Albany and Tryon into Districts] without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned until to morrow morning 10 o Clock.

Wednesday, the eighteenth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker.

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating clearing and keeping in Repair the public Highways in the County of Ulster and for suspending the two Acts therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for dividing and setting apart such Lands in the Patent of Wawayanda in the County of Orange as are held by the Owners of Goshen Town Rights in Common with the Proprietors of those Lotts in the said Patent which were divided and balloted for by Commissioners pursuant to an Act of this Colony entituled "An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto" and also to prevent Doubts respecting the Division of the said Patent made by the said Commissioners] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Walton with the Bill sent from this House entituled [An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gunpowder in dwelling Houses Stores or other Places within the City of New York or on Board of Vessells within the Harbour] acquainting this House that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act for the better ascertaining the Boundaries of the County of Cumberland and Gloucester] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Charlotte to raise and defray the public and necessary charges of the said County, and to choose County officers] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Gale with the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders of the Counties of Tryon and Charlotte to vote in the County of Albany for Representatives to serve in General Assembly for the said County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr De Wit with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the waste of Firewood in the County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill entituled [An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein named] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating clearing and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the Counties of Albany and Tryon] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and being agreed to the Amendments were ordered to be engrossed, and being engrossed,

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do carry back the said Bill to the General Assembly with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the Bill with the said Amendments, to which they desire their Concurrence.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the nineteenth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr De Wit desiring to know what progress this House have made in the Bill entituled [An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany.]

Ordered, that the Bill entituled [An Act better to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany] be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do carry the Bill to the General Assembly with the amendments made thereto by this House and acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the Bill with those amendments to which they desire the concurrence of that House.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Ten Eyck with the said Bill and the Amendments thereto acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made to the said Bill by this House and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by altering the Title and extending the provisions in the Bill to the Borough Town of West Chester and the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of West Chester.

The Bill entitled [An Act to enable the Freeholders of the Counties of Tryon and Charlotte to vote in the County of Albany for Representatives to serve in General Assembly for the said County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the waste of Firewood in the County of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for Naturalizing the several persons therein named] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Boerum with the Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain De Lancey and Mr Kissam with the Bill entituled [An Act more effectually to prevent private Lotteries] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Billop with the Bill entituled [An Act for carrying into execution Judgments obtained by virtue of An Act entituled "An Act to impower Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Recorders and Aldermen to try causes to the value of Ten Pounds and under and for suspending An Act therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in repair the common and publick Highways in the County of Charlotte] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating, clearing and keeping in repair the publick Roads and Highways in the Counties of Albany and Tryon] without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to divide the Precinct of the Wallkill in Ulster County into two Precincts and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for dividing and setting apart such Lands in the Patent of Wawayanda in the County of Orange as are held by the owners of Goshen Town Rights in common with the proprietors of those Lotts in the said Patent which were divided and balloted for by Commissioners pursuant to An Act of this Colony entituled " An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for partition of Lands in order thereto] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the Whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do Acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have Passed the two last mentioned Bills without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to remove Doubts in the Administration of Oaths] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report that they were of opinion the same ought to be rejected.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of. And thereupon

Resolved, that the Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Friday, the twentieth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Freeholders of the Counties of Tryon and Charlotte to vote in the County of Albany for Representatives to serve in General Assembly for the said County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his Place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and being agreed to were

Ordered to be engrossed, and being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do carry the Bill to the General Assembly with the amendments made thereto by this House and acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the Bill with the said Amendments and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain De Lancey and Colonel Ten Broeck with the said Bill acquainting this House that the General Assembly cannot agree to the Amendments made to the said Bill by this House.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Billop and Mr Thomas with the Bill entituled [An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the said Bill and desiring that the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by striking out the word *three* in Page 5 Line 7 and instead thereof inserting the word *five* And by striking out the following Clause in page 10 Line 12. [And whereas it is conceived for the Good of the public service that every Militia Officer should dwell and reside in the respective County for which he shall or may be so commissioned : Be it further enacted by the same authority, that no Militia Officer or Officers shall have or exercise any Authority by Virtue of this Act unless he dwells and resides in such respective County for which he shall be a commissioned officer ; any Law Usage and Custom to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.]

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill Entituled [An Act to prevent the waste of Firewood in the County of Albany] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill Entituled [An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the two Bills last mentioned without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act more effectually to prevent private Lotteries] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for carrying into Execution Judgments obtained by Virtue of an Act intituled [An Act to empower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the Value of Ten Pounds and under and for suspending an Act therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

Mr Axtell moved that a Bill which he held in his hand Entituled [An Act to regulate the sale of Bricks within the city and County of New York] might be read.

Ordered that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Rapalje with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Relief of John Cox and Catharine Heysham Insolvent Debtors confined in Goal in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Clinton with the Bill Entituled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 10 o Clock.

Saturday, the twenty first day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of John Cox and Catharine Heysham Insolvent Debtors confined in Goal in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for erecting a more convenient Court House and Jail: for altering the Terms appointed: for holding the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the peace, and for enabling the Inhabitants to elect Supervizors and other County officers in and for the County of Cumberland] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act more effectually to prevent private Lotteries] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for carrying into Execution Judgments obtained by Virtue of An Act intituled [An Act to impower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the Value of Ten pounds and under] and for suspending an Act therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Woodhull and Captain Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony, and other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till 4 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Saturday, the twenty first day of March, 1772. P. M.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Payment of the salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the twenty third day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several officers of this Colony and other Purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of John Cox and Catharine Heysham Insolvent Debtors confined in Goal in the City of New York] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty fourth day of March, 1772.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr De Noyelles with the Bill intituled [An Act to extend to the County of Gloucester the several Acts therein mentioned relative to Highways and the Regulation of Inns and Taverns in the County of Cumberland] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

His Excellency William Tryon Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same; being come to the Council Chamber,

The Speaker left the Chair, and

His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the immediate Attendance of that House.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of both Houses was pleased to give his assent to thirty three Bills, the Titles whereof are as follow vizt

An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York.

An Act more effectually to prevent private Lotteries.

An Act to revise digest and print the Laws of this Colony.

An Act to oblige the Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions to determine Appeals made to them according to the Merits of the Case, notwithstanding Defects of Form in the Original Proceedings, and to oblige Persons suing forth Writs of Certiorari to remove Orders made on such Appeals into the Supreme Court of this Colony, to give security to prosecute the same to Effect.

An Act to enable any one of the Coroners for the different Counties within this Colony to make Return to Process.

An Act for carrying into Execution Judgments obtained by Virtue of an Act entituled [An Act to impower Justices of the Peace Mayors Recorders and Aldermen to try Causes to the Value of Ten Pounds and under: and for suspending an Act therein mentioned]

An Act to amend an Act entituled [An Act to ascertain the size of Casks in which white Bread shall be packed within the City of New York, and to regulate the Manner in which the same shall be sold.]

An Act for the Inspection of Flax in the City of New York.

An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gunpowder in Dwelling Houses or other Places within the City of New York, or on board of Vessels within the Harbour.

An Act for the better support of the Hospital to be erected in the City of New York for sick and indigent Persons.

An Act for the better laying out regulating clearing and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the Counties of Albany and Tryon.

An Act to divide the Counties of Albany and Tryon into Districts.

An Act to prevent the Waste of Firewood in the County of Albany.

An Act to divide the Precinct of the Wall Kill in Ulster County into two Precincts and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for dividing the South Precinct in the County of Dutches into three Precincts.

An Act to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the County of Suffolk.

An Act to prevent Infectious Distempers in the Counties therein mentioned.

An Act to amend an Act entituled [An Act for the more effectual Preservation of Deer and other Game and the Destruction of Wolves Wild Catts and other Vermin] so far as it relates to the Township of Huntingdon and the Precinct of Islip in Suffolk County.

An Act for the better ascertaining the Boundaries of the Counties of Cumberland and Gloucester.

An Act for erecting a more convenient Court House and Jail; for altering the terms appointed for holding the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, and for enabling the Inhabitants to elect Supervizors and other County Officers in and for the County of Cumberland.

An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte.

An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the County of Charlotte to raise and defray the public and necessary Charges of the said County and to choose County officers.

An Act to extend an Act entituled [An Act for the supervizing of Intestates Estates and regulating the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration] to the Counties therein mentioned.

An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein named.

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony.

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

An Act for the Relief of John Cox and Catharine Heysham Insolvent Debtors confined in Jail in the City of New York.

An Act for defraying a Moiety of the Expences accrued on setling the contested Boundaries between the patented Lands commonly called Cheescocks and Kakiate.

An Act to raise the sum of One hundred and Fifty Pounds on the Lands therein mentioned for the use of clearing and opening the Creek commonly called Crommelines Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to settle and establish the Line or Lines of Division between the City of New York and the Township of Harlem so far as concerns the Right of Soil in Controversy.

An Act for dividing and setting apart such Lands in the patent of Wawayanda in the County of Orange as are held by the Owners of Goshen Town Rights in common with the proprietors of those Lotts in the said Patent which were divided and balloted for by Commissioners pursuant to an Act of this Colony entituled [An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York and for Partition of Lands in order thereto] And also to prevent Doubts respecting the Division of the said Patent made by the said Commissioners.

An Act for discharging the present Assignees of Joseph Forman an Insolvent Debtor and for appointing a new Assignee and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

After which his Excellency the Governor was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly until Monday the fourth day of May next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVIII., 92.]

By His Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *fourth* day of *May* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *third* day of *June* now next ensuing of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *April* one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, in the *twelfth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

Wm TRYON.

By His Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVIII., 107.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *third* day of *June* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *first* day

of *July* now next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty sixth* day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, in the *twelfth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W^M TRYON.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCVIII., 119.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *first* day of *July* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *eighth* day of *September* next ensuing of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty fifth* day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, in the *twelfth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W^M TRYON.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR, *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIX., 1.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *eighth* day of *October*

next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *eighth* day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, in the *twelfth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

WM TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIX., 7.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *eighth* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *twelfth* day of *November* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fifth* day of *October* one thousand seven hundred and seventy two in the *twelfth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

WM TRYON.

By His Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIX., 19.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *twelfth* day of *November* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *tenth* day

of *December* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty first* day of *October* one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, in the *twelfth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W^M TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y Col. MSS., XCIX., 32.]

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *tenth* day of *December* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *fifth* day of *January* now next ensuing then to meet to proceed upon business Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty fifth* day of *November* one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, in the *thirteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W^M TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
GW BANYAR *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

THIRTY-FIRST ASSEMBLY FIFTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Governor, Council *and* General Assembly *for the* Province *of* New York, *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the* fifth *day of* January, One thousand seven hundred and seventy three, *in the* thirteenth year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth.*

The General Assembly having on the twenty fourth Day of March last been prorogued to the fourth Day of May following his Excellency William Tryon Esqr Captain General and Governor in chief of the said Province was pleased by divers Proclamations to prorogue them as follows, that is to say, On the 29th day of April 1772 to the 3^d Day of June. On the 26th Day of May to the 1st Day of July. On the 25th day of June to the 8th day of September. On

the 8th Day of September to the 8th Day of October. On the 5th Day of October to the 12th Day of November. On the 21st Day of October to the 10th Day of December—and on the 25th Day of November to the fifth Day of January One thousand seven hundred and seventy three then to meet to proceed upon Business.

The Council met accordingly.

PRESENT — *The Honble* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esqr, Speaker,

WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the sixth day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency William Tryon Esquire Captain General and Governor in chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same being come to the Council Chamber his Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House in the Council Chamber. And

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor then made a speech to the Council and General Assembly and delivered one copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Excellency the Governor having left the Council Chamber and the General Assembly being returned to the Assembly Chamber,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Governor's Speech be read.

Then the Speech was read and

Ordered to be entered in the Journal of this House and the same is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The experience you gave me the last session of the Liberality of your Sentiments towards me, and your ready Concurrence with the Measures I then proposed flatter me at this Juncture with the like favorable Attention to what I have now to recommend to you.

It has been the peculiar Misfortune of this Country to have remained even to this day, with most of its Boundaries undetermined, a Circumstance that has in a considerable Measure retarded the settlement of the Frontiers, and proved the Source of many unhappy Disputes with its neighbouring Inhabitants and which if not speedily setled may probably be productive of more serious Consequences. Impressed with this Idea soon after my Arrival in this Government I opened a Correspondence with Governor Hutchinson on the Necessity of finally establishing a Partition Line between this and Massachusets Government. The Governor moved his Assembly to second our Wishes, and an Act passed to enable proper Persons to undertake its Accomplishment. I shall therefore lay before you the Correspondence and Papers on this Subject, wishing you may co-operate with the Massachusets Government, by passing a similar Act for so salutary a Purpose.

I have the Satisfaction to inform you the dividing Line between this Province and the Government of Quebec has been run from Lake Champlain in the forty fifth Degree of North Latitude to Connecticut River. As the Commissioners who perform that Business winter in Quebec, that they may be ready early in the spring to continue that Line from the Lake westward to St Lawrence River, I am to apply to you for a further aid for that most essential service.

The General Assembly of New Jersey having lately passed an Act similar to your own for ascertaining the Boundary between the two Governments, and securing certain Borderers in the quiet Possession of their Settlements, and as I am informed the King's Commission and the proceedings had thereon will be very speedily Transmitted to his Majesty, I entertain the warmest Expectations that the Royal Decision in the Case will shortly be obtained. These Particulars appear to me to be so interesting to the Peace and Prosperity of the Country that I cou'd not avoid urging to you their Importance.

I have been obliged to order considerable Repairs to be made to the Mansion House in Fort George to make it Habitable, the Estimates of which shall be laid before you.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The Sum of Money voted the last sessions for repairing the Battery in Fort George has been appropriated to such necessary useful and ornamental Purposes, as afford the clearest Demonstration of the Expediency and Propriety of that Vote, and cannot fail of giving Satisfaction to the Public.

Having nothing immediately in Charge from his Majesty to communicate to you, I shall at present only recommend to make Provision for the Extra Services I have just now mentioned, the usual Support of Government, and the necessary Supplies for his Majesty's Troops.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

It is with the highest Satisfaction I view the present flourishing State of this Country, and the good Order Industry and Unanimity among its Inhabitants, Blessings I ardently wish to see continued and improved.

It is evident nothing can so much ensure an Increase of Wealth to the Colony as a due Care that the good Quality of our staple Commodities may establish a Reputation at foreign Markets. Your attention to this, as also to the Mischiefs arising from the Circulation of a vast Quantity of counterfeit Currency lately brought into this Country, are objects deserving your Consideration.

The Happiness I enjoy by my Royal Masters gracious Appointment of me to this Province, I acknowledge with that Duty and affection, which warms the loyal Breast; and the friendly Consideration and Attention I have experienced from all Ranks, not only increases this Happiness, but cherishes the growing Attachment I feel for the Interest of this Colony; which however I am sensible can only be extensively and beneficially drawn into Action by your generous Aid and Assistance in the Honorable Support of the Dignity of his Majesty's Government, and the Felicity of his People.

Fort George New York
6th January 1773.

Wm TRYON.

Ordered, that his Excellencys Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr De Lancey then moved that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor in Answer to his Speech, which Motion being seconded and agreed to,

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency accordingly.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey Mr Morris and Mr Smith be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address, and that they prepare and bring in the same by Friday next.

The Council adjourned until Friday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Friday, the eighth day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

Present — *The Honoble* John Watts, Esqr, Speaker,

Oliver De Lancey,
Charles W. Apthorpe,
Roger Morris,
William Smith,
Henry Cruger,
Hugh Wallace,
Henry White,
William Axtell, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Excellency the Governor in Answer to his Speech reported that the Committee had prepared

the same, which he read in his Place and then delivered the Draft in at the Table where the same was again read and being amended was agreed to and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governor was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the said Address, and

The Speaker having signed the same accordingly,

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey and Mr Morris do wait on his Excellency the Governor and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their humble Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned reported that they had waited on his Excellency the Governor accordingly and that his Excellency had been pleased to appoint Monday next at 11 o Clock in the Forenoon at Fort George for receiving the humble Address of this House.

The Council adjourned until Monday Morning at 11 o Clock.

Monday, the eleventh day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with

The House proceeded to Fort George to present the humble Address of this House to his Excellency the Governor, and being returned,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the House attended his Excellency the Governor and presented to him the humble Address of this House his Excellency had been pleased to return a favorable Answer thereto which being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Journal of this House, which are as follow

To his Excellency WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The humble ADDRESS of the Council for the Province of New York.

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Council for the province of New York return your Excellency our Thanks for your speech.

The pernicious Effects of a doubtful Jurisdiction in the Districts affected by the uncertain Extent of the province, are so manifest, that your Endeavours to extinguish these destructive Controversies merit our grateful Acknowledgments, and animated by the same laudable Motives with your Excellency of promoting Industry, the security of Property and the general Tranquility, you may be assured Sir of our cheerful Concurrence in every Measure, tending to give the Limits of the Province a certain and permanent Establishment.

It is so much our Duty and our Interest to consult the Prosperity of this Country, that we shall be ever ready to contribute our Aid in the most effectual Manner to inhance the Reputation of its staple Commodities and defeat the flagitious Devices of those Pests of Society, who have of late been so active in the atrocious Crime of counterfeiting our Currency to the Ruin of many poor unguarded Persons, and the general Discredit of the Colony.

The Professions of your affectionate Attachment to the Province do Honour to its Inhabitants, and must afford them the greater satisfaction, as they are accompanied with such a Tenour of Conduct, as gives you a just Claim to those friendly Marks of their attention and consideration, which you have condescended so publicly to approve.

Happy under a Sovereign who is the Delight of his People, and a Representative who copies after his Royal Example your Excellency may firmly rely upon our assistance in supporting the

Dignity of his Majesty's Government, and seconding your benevolent Endeavours for promoting the Felicity of the Colony.

By Order of the Council

New York 8th January 1773. JOHN WATTS, Speaker.

His Excellency's ANSWER.

Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council,

I thank you for your affectionate Address.

It affords me much satisfaction to find your Sentiments correspond with mine in respect to the Measures recommended in my Speech.

The favourable Construction you put upon upon the Tenour of my Conduct does me Honour, and I place a perfect confidence in your Assistance to support the important Duties of my station.

WM TYRON.

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twelfth day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the thirteenth day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JOHN WATES, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned until Friday Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the fifteenth day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the nineteenth day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and M^r De Witt with the Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulating the public Roads in the City and County of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Lancey and Colonel Woodhull with the Bill entituled [An Act for punishing Accessories to Felonies and Receivers of stolen Goods] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Noyelles and Mr Clinton with the Bill entituled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the twentieth day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Van Kleeck with the Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being, or the major part of them, to Order the raising a Sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Philipse and Col Johnson with the Bill entitled [An Act further to continue An Act entituled "An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Rapalje with the Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding sixteen hundred pounds for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulating the public Roads in the City and County of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for punishing Accessories to Felonies and Receivers of Stolen Goods] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] was Read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty first day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

Present—*The Honoble* John Watts, Esquire, Speaker,

Oliver De Lancey,
Roger Morris,
Hugh Wallace,
Henry White,
William Axtell.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the Major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty Pounds for the Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act further to continue An Act entitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding Sixteen hundred Pounds for the Uses therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for punishing Accessories to Felonies and Receivers of stolen Goods] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty second day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act further to continue an Act entitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act for punishing Accessories to Felonies and Receivers of Stolen Goods] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the Major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Colonel Frey with the Bill entituled [An Act to increase the Number of Firemen in the City of New York,] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Walton with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out public Highways in the County of Suffolk] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col: Johnson and Mr De Lancey with the Bill entitled [An Act to raise the sum of sixteen hundred Pounds in the County of Tryon to compleat

the Court House and erect a Goal at Johnstown in said County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt and Mr Wilkins with the Bill intitled [An Act for altering the place of Meeting of the Supervisors in the County of Westchester] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Dewitt with the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent private persons from erecting Hospitals in the City of Albany for the purpose of inoculating Persons for the Small Pox without Leave of the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brinkerhoff and Colonel Woodhull with the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways and private Roads in the County of Dutches] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the twenty sixth day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Mr Nicoll with the Bill entitled [An Act for giving Relief on promisory Notes] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Woodhull and Mr Boerum with the Bill entitled [An Act declaring Winthorps Patent to be under the Jurisdiction of the Town of Brookhaven in Suffolk County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Col Frey with the Bill entitled [An Act to encourage the distroying of Wolves and Panthers in the County of Tryon] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill entitled [An Act to extend An Act entitled An Act to enable and impower the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and their Successors to prevent and remove the Particular Nusances within the same to the Southward of Fresh Water : to the Outward of the said City] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Col Schuyler with the Bill entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors by extending the same to Executors and Administrators residing out of this Colony whose Testators or Intestates leave effects within the same] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time, and

Ordered, a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to increase the Number of Firemen in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out public Highways in the County of Suffolk] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to raise the Sum of sixteen hundred Pounds in the County of Tryon to compleat the Court House and erect a Goal at Johnstown in said County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for altering the Place of meeting of the Supervisors in the County of West Chester] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Private persons from erecting Hospitals in the City of Albany for the purpose of Inoculating persons for the Small Pox, without leave of the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend An Act entituled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair Common and Public Highways and private Roads in the County of Dutches] was Read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the twenty seventh day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Hon*[ble] JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES W. APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act for giving Relief on Promisory Notes] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act declaring Winthorp's Patent to be under the Jurisdiction of the Town of Brockhaven in Suffolk County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the County of Tryon] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to extend "An Act entitled An Act to enable and empower the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and their Successors to prevent and remove the particular Nusances within the same to the Southward of Fresh water" to the Outward of the said City] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors by extending the same to Executors and Administrators

residing out of this Colony whose Testators or Intestates have Effects within the same] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill entituled [An Act to increase the Number of Firemen in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report thes ame without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out Public Highways in the County of Suffolk] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to raise the Sum of sixteen hundred pounds in the County of Tryon, to complete the Court House, and erect a Goal at Johnstown in said County] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent private persons from erecting Hospitals in the City of Albany for the purpose of inoculating persons for the Small Pox, without leave of the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again read, and being agreed to, the amendment was

Ordered to be engrossed, and the Bill to be read the third time as amended.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty eighth day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*ble JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Col Philipse with the Bill intitled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in repair the public Roads and

Highways in the City and County of Albany and County of Tryon] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Mynderse with the Bill entitled [An Act to continue and amend an Act entitled An Act for the more effectual Punishment of persons who shall be guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the cities of New York and Albany and Township of Schenectady] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and Public Highways and private Roads in the County of Dutches] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committe had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for giving Relief on Promissory Notes] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered, a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act declaring Winthorp's Patent to be under the Jurisdiction of the Town of Brookhaven in Suffolk County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the County of Tryon] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to extend an Act entitled "An Act to enable and empower the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and their successors to prevent and remove the particular Nusances within the same to the southward of Fresh Water" to the Outward of the said City] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors by extending the same to Executors and Administrators residing out of this Colony whose Testators or Intestates have Effects within the same] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the same and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to prevent private Persons from erecting Hospitals in the City of Albany for the purpose of inoculating Persons for the Small Pox, without Leave of the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City] was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do carry back the said Bill to the General Assembly with the Amendment made thereto by this House and acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the Bill with the said Amendment to which they desire their Concurrence.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty ninth day of January, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Hon*ble John Watts, Esquire, Speaker,

Oliver De Lancey,
Roger Morris,
William Smith,
Henry Cruger,
Hugh Wallace,
Henry White, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act to increase the Number of Firemen in the City of New York] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for altering the Place of Meeting of the Supervizors in the County of Westchester] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways and private Roads in the County of Dutches] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act for giving Relief on Promisory Notes] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Bill entitled [An Act declaring Winthorp's Patent to be under the Jurisdiction of the Town of Brookhaven in Suffolk County] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the County of Tryon] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Bill entitled [An Act to extend An Act entitled "An Act to enable and empower the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and their successors to prevent and remove the particular Nusances within the same, to the Southward of Fresh Water" to the Outward of the said City] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors by extending the same to Executors and Administrators residing out of this Colony whose Testators or Intestates have Effects within the same] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills wtihout Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Captain Seaman with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent private Persons from erecting Hospitals in the City of Albany for the purpose of Inoculating persons for the Small Pox without Leave of the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City] and the amendment made thereto by this House, acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said amendment and desire that the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by striking out the present and inserting instead thereof the following Title Viz^t

An Act for regulating the practice of Inoculation for the small Pox in the City of Albany.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany and County of Tryon] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue and amend An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the Cities of New York and Albany and Township of Schenectady] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wilkins and Mr Nicoll with the Bill entituled [An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Ten Broeck and Mr Boerum with the Bill intitled [An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace residing in that part of the Township of Schenectady therein mentioned to establish and regulate a Night Watch and for other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr Van Kleeck with the Bill intitled [An Act to raise one hundred and fifty Pounds for lowering a Pond commonly called

Wickham's Pond in the Precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Philipse and Colonel Woodhull with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the killing and destroying of Game in the Manor of Philipseborough in the County of Westchester] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Mr Kissam with the Bill entituled [An Act better to prevent Persons from entering and taking Possession of Messuages Lands and Tenements by Force] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the second day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in repair the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany and County of Tryon] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act to continue and amend An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the Cities of New York and Albany and Township of Schenectady] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulating and keeping in repair the Public Roads in the Borough and Town of West Chester, and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to impower the Justices of the peace residing in that part of the Township of Schenectady therein mentioned, to establish and regulate a Night Watch, and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to raise one hundred and fifty pounds for lowering a pond commonly called Wickhams pond in the precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to prevent the Killing and destroying of Game in the Manor of Philipsborough in the County of West Chester] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Brinckerhoff with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Defacing the Statues which are erected in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman & Mr Clinton with the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent the firing of Guns and other Fire Arms within this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Witt and Col Schuyler with the Bill entituled [An Act for repairing the Court House and Common Goal in the County of Ulster] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Rapalje with the Bill entituled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for apprehending of Persons in any County or Place upon Warrants granted by Justices of the Peace of any other County or place] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Frey and Mr Brinckerhoff with the Bill entituled [An Act to extend An Act entitled "An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutchess County" to the County of Tryon] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the third day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Wells with the Bill entituled [An Act for the better regulation of the Publick Inns and Taverns in the several Counties therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brinckerhoff and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entituled An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the Defacing the Statues which are erected in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent the firing of Guns and other Fire Arms within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act for Repairing the Court House and common Goal in the County of Ulster] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entituled [An Act to continue an Act intituled An Act for apprehending of persons in any County or place upon Warrants granted by Justices of the Peace of any other County or place] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to extend An Act entitled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County to the County of Tryon] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding sixteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace residing in that part of the Township of Schenectady therein mentioned to establish and Regulate a Night Watch and for other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to raise one hundred and fifty Pounds for lowering a Pond commonly called Wickhams Pond in the precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent the Killing and Destroying of Game in the Manor of Philipsborough in the County of Westchester] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the fifth day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent the defacing the Statues which are erected in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for repairing the Court House and common Goal in the County of Ulster] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for apprehending of Persons in any County or place upon Warrants granted by Justices of the peace of any other County or Place] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass
A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Noyelles and Mr Brugh with the Bill entitled [An Act to raise fifteen hundred Pounds for draining the Drowned Lands in the precinct of Goshen in Orange County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Billop with the Bill entitled [An Act to facilitate the Return of his Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal of Great Britain and the proceedings thereon for setling the Boundary Line between this Colony and New Jersey] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill be read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Gale with the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the Guaging of Liquors and for other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entituled [An Act for the better Regulating of the publick Inns and Taverns in the several Counties therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to facilitate the Return of his Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal of Great Britain and the proceedings thereon for setling the Boundary Line between this Colony and New Jersey] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to raise fifteen hundred Pounds for draining the Drowned Lands in the Precinct of Goshen in Orange County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the sixth day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hon*ble JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to raise fifteen hundred Pounds for draining the Drowned Lands in the precinct of Goshen in Orange County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill and the Bill entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for apprehending of Persons in any County or Place upon Warrants granted by Justices of the Peace of any other County or Place] without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to facilitate the return of his Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal of Great Britain and the Proceedings thereupon for setling the Boundary Line between this Colony and New Jersey] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the same and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the last mentioned Bill without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committe of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to extend An Act entitled "An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County," to the Counties of Tryon and Cumberland] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the gauging of Liquors and for other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Colonel Philipse with the Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Aged and Decrepid Slaves from becoming burthensome within this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary delivered a Message from his Excellency the Governor, that his Excellency required the attendance of this House at the Council Chamber at Fort George.

The Speaker left the Chair, and with

The House went to the Council Chamber in Fort George where being met his Excellency came to the Council Chamber, and sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of this House, and

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency the Governor in the presence of both Houses was pleased to give his assent to twenty four Bills the Titles whereof are as follow.

An Act further to continue an Act entitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act to continue an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to prevent Frauds in Debtors by extending the same to Executors and Administrators residing out of this Colony whose Testators or Intestates have Effects within the same.

An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for apprehending of Persons in any County or Place upon Warrants granted by Justices of the peace of any other County or Place.

An Act to facilitate the Return of his Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal of Great Britain and the proceedings thereon for setling the Boundary Line between this Colony and New Jersey.

An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding sixteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned.

An Act to extend An Act entitled An Act to enable and empower the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and their Successors to prevent and remove the particular Nusances within the same to the Southward of Freshwater, to the Outward of the said City.

An Act to increase the Number of Firemen in the City of New York.

An Act to prevent the defacing the Statues which are erected in the City of New York.

An Act to continue and amend An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the Cities of New York and Albany and Township of Schenectady.

An Act for regulating the Practice of Inoculation for the Small Pox in the City of Albany.

An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the time being or the Major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty Pounds for the Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany and County of Tryon.

An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace residing in that part of the Township of Schenectady therein mentioned to establish and regulate a Night Watch and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for repairing the Court House and common Goal in the County of Ulster.

An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways and private Roads in the County of Dutches.

An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in Orange County.

An Act for raising fifteen hundred Pounds for draining the Drowned Lands in the Precinct of Goshen in Orange County.

An Act to raise one hundred and fifty Pounds for lowering a Pond commonly called Wickham's Pond in the precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange.

An Act for altering the Place of Meeting of the Supervisors in the County of Westchester.

An Act to prevent the killing and destroying of Game in the Manor of Philipsborough in the County of Westchester.

An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out public Highways in the County of Suffolk.

An Act declaring Winthorp's Patent to be under the Jurisdiction of the Town of Brookhaven in Suffolk County.

An Act to raise the sum of sixteen hundred Pounds in the County of Tryon to complete the Court House and erect a Goal at Johnstown in said County.

And An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the County of Tryon.

After which the Council being returned to the Council in the City Hall

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the ninth day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Ten Broeck and Colonel Frey, with the Bill entitled [An Act to run out the Lines of Division between the Counties of Albany, Tryon and Charlotte and also the Lines of the several Districts in the said counties of Albany and Tryon] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entitled [An Act to revive and continue An Act entitled An Act to prevent the Destruction of Deer by Bloodhounds or Beagles in the Counties of Albany Ulster and Orange] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Mr Axtell moved that a Bill which he held in his hand entitled [An Act to regulate the Sale of Bricks within the City and County of New York] might be read.

And the said Motion being seconded the Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Aged and Decrepit Slaves from becoming Burthensome within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the gauging of Liquors and for other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the tenth day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the gauging of Liquors and for other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entituled [An Act to extend an Act entitled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County; to the counties of Tryon and Cumberland] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Aged and Decrepit Slaves from becoming Burthensome within this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to prevent the Destruction of Deer by Blood Hounds or Beagles in the Counties of Albany Ulster and Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the sale of Bricks within the City and County of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Mr De Lancey with the Bill entitled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in Richmond County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to run out the Lines of Division between the Counties of Albany Tryon and Charlotte, and also the Lines of the several Districts in the said counties of Albany and Tryon] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the eleventh day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent the firing of Guns and other Fire Arms within this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments thereto which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being agreed to and engrossed,

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do carry back the said Bill to the General Assembly with the Amendments made thereto by this House and acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the Bill with the said amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of that House.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Van Cortlandt with the said Bill and the Amendments made thereto by this House acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said amendments and desire the bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was amended accordingly by striking out the following Words in the last Line of the second Page vizt *Nothing in this Act shall be construed to extend or relate to the City and County of New York and Nassau Island, any thing therein to the contrary notwithstanding* and by striking out the word *to* after the word *Act* in the third Line of the third Page.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to run out the Lines of Division between the Counties of Albany Tryon and Charlotte and also the Lines of the several Districts in the said Counties of Albany and Tryon] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill and the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Aged and Decrepet Slaves from becoming burthensome within this Colony] without amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act to revive An Act entituled, An Act to prevent the Destruction of Deer by Bloodhounds or Beagles in the Counties of Albany Ulster and Orange] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Philipse and Mr Walton with the Bill entitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates and providing for Deficiencies in the Taxes of the County of West Chester] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Col Seaman with the Bill entitled [An Act to ascertain the size of Casks in which Fish shall be sold within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair common and public Highways in Richmond County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to regulate the sale of Bricks within the City and County of New York] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the same were again read, and being agreed to

Ordered, that the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twelfth day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hon*[ble] JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wilkins and Mr Rapalje with the Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entituled [An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence with an Addition thereto] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulation of the public Inns and Taverns in the several Counties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table where the same were again read, and the Amendment agreed to and engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do carry the Bill with the Amendment to the General Assembly and acquaint them that thi House have passed the Bill with the said Amendment, to which they desire their Concurrence.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates and providing for Deficiencies of the Taxes in the County of West Chester] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to ascertain the size of Casks in which Fish shall be sold within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the morning.

Tuesday, the sixteenth day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono*[ble] DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq[rs].

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by M[r] Clinton and Colonel Johnson with the Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulation of the publick Inns and Taverns in the several Counties therein mentioned] with the Amendment made thereto by this House acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendment and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Then the said Bill was accordingly amended by inserting the word *Kings* in page one Line thirteen after the word *Richmond* and before the word *or*.

A Message from the General Assembly by M[r] Kissam and Colonel Woodhull with the Bill entitled [An Act to lay a Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors in this Colony and to appropriate the Money arising therefrom] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M[r] Brush and Colonel Frey with the Bill entitled [An Act to extend An Act entitled, An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in repair common and publick Highways in the County of Cumberland" to the County of Gloucester] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Wells and Col Johnson with the Bill entitled [An Act for raising the further sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds in the County of Cumberland towards finishing the Court House and Goal already erected in the said County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled, An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycence with an addition thereto] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M[r] De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to ascertain the size of Casks in which Fish shall be sold within this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The engrossed Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the Sale of Bricks within the City and County of New York] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the seventeenth day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present — *The Honourable* Daniel Horsmanden, Esquire, Speaker,

John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Charles Ward Apthorpe,
Roger Morris,
William Smith,
Hugh Wallace,
Henry White,
William Axtell, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates and providing for Deficiencies in the Taxes of the County of Westchester] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House has passed the said Bill, and the Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to prevent the Destruction of Deer by Bloodhounds or Beagles in the Counties of Albany Ulster and Orânge] without Amendment.

The Bill entitled [An Act to ascertain the Size of Casks in which Fish shall be sold within this Colony] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycence; with an Addition thereto] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Bill entitled [An Act to lay a Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors in this Colony and to appropriate the Money arising therefrom] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to extend An Act entitled "An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland" to the County of Gloucester] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for raising the further Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds in the County of Cumberland towards finishing the Court House and Goal already erected in the said County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the eighteenth day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHOPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to extend An Act entitled An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland; to the County of Gloucester] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for raising the further Sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds in the County of Cumberland towards finishing the Court House and Goal already erected in the said County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Wilkins with the Bill entituled [An Act to oblige Collectors and Constables to give Security for the faithful Performance of their respective Offices] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the nineteenth day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Wilkins with the Bill entitled [An Act to lay a Tax on Dogs in the Township of Huntington in Suffolk County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Col. Philipse with the Bill entitled [An Act more effectually to call in the Bills of Credit of this Colony and for cancelling the same] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Bill entitled [An Act to oblige Collectors and Constables to give Security for the faithful Performance of their respective Offices] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Woodhull and Mr Kissam desiring to know what Progress this House have made on the Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester and to levy Money to defray the expence thereof.
In answer to which Message It is
Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the said Bill has been twice Read and is now under Commitment.
The Council adjourned until Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the twenty third day of February 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr De Noyelles with the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the Office of Under sheriff within this Colony desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Colonel Frey with the Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the better clearing mending and further laying out public High Roads and others in the County of Ulster] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Boerum with the Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Wells and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for regulating Inns and Taverns in the County of Cumberland," and to extend the same to the County of Gloucester] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entitled [An Act for the better laying out and keeping in Repair common public and private Highways in the County of Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Bill entitled [An Act to lay a Tax on Dogs in the Township of Huntington in Suffolk County] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill entitled [An Act more effectually to call in the Bills of Credit of this Colony and for cancelling the same] was read the second time and
Ordered to be committed.
A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Frey and Mr Gale with the Bill entitled [An Act for establishing and regulating Ferries in the County of Tryon] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Johnson and Colonel Ten Brook with the Bill entitled [An Act to change the Names of certain Districts in the County of Tryon and to alter the Bounds of others in the County of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to oblige Collectors and Constables to give security for the faithful Performance of their respective offices] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill
Ordered a third reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the twenty fourth day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
Mr Smith moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand entitled [An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of Bread] might be read:
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brugh and Colonel Schuyler with the Bill entitled [An Act respecting Fairs in the Counties of Albany Cumberland and Tryon] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Colonel Philips with the Bill entitled [An Act to remedy the Evil this Colony is exposed to from the great Quantities of Counterfeit Money introduced into it] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brush and Col Frey with the Bill entitled [An Act for fixing the allowance to the Representatives of the Counties of Tryon and Cumberland] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for regulating Inns and Taverns in the County of Cumberland and to extend the same to the County of Gloucester] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act for establishing and regulating Ferries in the County of Tryon] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to change the Names of certain Districts in the County of Tryon and to alter the Bounds of others in the County of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the office of Under or Deputy Sheriff within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the better clearing mending and further laying out public High Roads and others in the County of Ulster] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the better laying out and keeping in Repair common public and private Highways in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty fifth day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Hon*ble DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for regulating Inns and Taverns in the County of Cumberland and to extend the same to the County of Gloucester] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act for establishing and regulating Ferries in the County of Tryon] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

The Bill entitled [An Act to change the Names of certain Districts in the County of Tryon and to alter the Bounds of others in the County of Albany] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act to oblige Collectors and Constables to give security for the faithful Performance of their respective Offices] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Bill entituled [An Act to prevent Frauds in the Sale of Bread] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Kissam with the Bill entitled [An Act for the settlement and Relief of the Poor] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Dewitt with the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the Practice of Innoculation for the Small Pox in Queens County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act respecting Fairs in the Counties of Albany, Cumberland and Tryon] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to remedy the Evil this Colony is exposed to from the great Quantities of Counterfeit Money introduced into it] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for fixing the Allowance to the Representatives of the Counties of Tryon and Cumberland] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the better clearing mending and further laying out public High Roads and others in the County of Ulster] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty sixth day of February, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Hono^ble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The engrossed Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Frauds in the Sale of Bread] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Noyelles and Mr Clinton with the Bill entitled [An Act for the Amendment of the Law and the better advancement of Justice] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Woodhull and Mr Walton with the Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act to confirm certain ancient Conveyances and directing the Manner of proving Deeds to be recorded] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the Practice of Inoculation for the small Pox in Queens County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the better clearing mending and further laying out public High Roads and others in the County of Ulster] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for fixing the allowance of the Representatives of the Counties of Tryon and Cumberland] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Ten Broeck and Colonel Wells with the Bill entitled [An Act to appoint Commissaries to settle a Line or Lines of Jurisdiction between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act more effectually to call in the Bills of Credit of this Colony and for cancelling the same] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the second day of March, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the amendment of the Law and the better advancement of Justice] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to appoint Commissaries to settle a Line or Lines of Jurisdiction between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brush and Mr Clinton with the Bill entitled [An Act to ascertain the place from whence the Mileage fees of the respective Sherifs of the several Counties therein named shall be computed and for other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wilkins and Colonel Philips with the Bill entitled [An Act to repeal An Act entitled An Act to prevent infectious Distempers in the Counties therein mentioned, so far as it relates to the Borough and Town of West Chester, and Manor of Philipsborough] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Mynderse with the Bill entitled [An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the County of Albany] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second.

The Bill entitled [An Act to amend An Act entitled, An Act to confirm certain ancient Conveyances and directing the manner of proving Deeds to be recorded, was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the Office of under or Deputy Sherif within this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the last mentioned Bill and the Bill entitled [An Act more effectually to call in the Bills of Credit of this Colony and for cancelling the same] without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the better laying out and keeping in repair common public and private Highways in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act respecting Fairs in the Counties of Albany Tryon and Cumberland] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole Honse in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Witt and Colonel Woodhull with the Bill entitled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt and Mr Walton with the Bill entitled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the third day of March, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY CRUGER,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act to ascertain the place from whence the Mileage fees of the respective Sheriffs of the several Counties therein named shall be computed and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to repeal An Act entitled An Act to prevent infectious Distempers in the Counties therein mentioned, so far as it relates to the Borough and Town of West Chester and Manor of Philipsborough] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the relief of the Poor in the County of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and publick Highways in Richmond County] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the amendment of the Law and the better advancement of Justice] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House has passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Bill entitled [An Act to appoint Commissaries to settle a Line or Lines of Jurisdiction between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled, An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the fourth day of March, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,
JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Van Kleeck with the Bill entitled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of the Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Clinton with the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent the sale of Goods at night by Vendue Auction or Outcry in the City of New York] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill entitled [An Act for the more easy Recovery of the Possession of Lands] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Colonel Ten Brooeck with the Bill entitled [An Act for Naturalizing the several persons therein named] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the settlement and Relief of the Poor] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to ascertain the Place from whence the Mileage Fees of the respective Sheriffs of the several Counties therein named shall be computed and for other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony] and after some time spent therein
[The Speaker resumed the Chair, and]
Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entituled [An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the County of Albany] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the relief of insolvent Debtors within this Colony with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to repeal An Act entitled An Act to prevent infectious Distempers in the Counties therein mentioned: so far as it relates to the Borough and Town of West Chester and Manor of Philipsburgh] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Colonel Woodhull with the ingrossed Bill from this House entitled [An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of Bread] acquainting this House that the General Assembly hath passed the same.
The Council adjourned until to morrow morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the fifth day of March, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to lay a Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors in this Colony and to appropriate the money arising therefrom] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulating and keeping in repair the publick Roads in the Borough and Town of West Chester and to levy money to defray the Expence thereof] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to remedy the evil this Colony is exposed to from the great quantities of Counterfeit Money introduced into it] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to prevent the sale of Goods at Night by Vendue Auction or Outcry in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House, in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the more easy Recovery of the Possession of Lands] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein named] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered, a third reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the practice of Inoculation for the Small Pox in Queens County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report that the Bill should be rejected.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman and Mr Wilkins with the Bill entitled [An Act to lay a Duty on Slaves that shall be imported into this Colony after the first Day of September next] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Nicoll with the Bill entitled [An Act for making a further Provision of one thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries to the first day of January next] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered, a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 4 o Clock in the Afternoon.

Friday, the fifth day of March, 1773. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act to lay a Duty on Slaves that shall be imported into this Colony after the first day of September next] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for making a further Provision of One thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries to the first day of January next] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the sixth day of March, 1773.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill and the Bill entitled [An Act to remedy the Evil this Colony is exposed to from the great Quantities of Counterfeit Money introduced into it] without Amendment.

The Bill entitled [An Act to prevent the sale of Goods at Night by Vendue Auction or Outcry in the City of New York] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the more easy Recovery of the Possession of Lands] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act to confirm certain ancient Conveyances and directing the Manner of proving Deeds to be recorded] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Bill entitled [An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein mentioned] was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for making a further Provision of One thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries to the first day of January next] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put,
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the last mentioned Bill without Amendment.
The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the eighth day of March, 1773.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Honoble* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
His Excellency William Tryon Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same being come to the Council Chamber, sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary requiring the immediate attendance of the General Assembly and
The General Assembly attending accordingly,
His Excellency the Governor was pleased to give his assent to forty three Bills, the titles whereof are as follow

An Act for making a further Provision of One thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries to the first day of January next.

An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to lay a Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors in this Colony and to appropriate the Monies arising therefrom.

An Act to remedy the evils this Colony is exposed to from the great Quantities of Counterfeit money introduced into it.

An Act for the settlement and Relief of the Poor.

An Act to appoint Commissaries to settle a Line or Lines of Jurisdiction between this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay.

An Act to regulate the Guaging of Liquors and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to ascertain the size of Casks in which Fish shall be sold within this Colony.

An Act to revive An Act entituled [An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycence] with an Addition thereto.

An Act to regulate the office of Under or Deputy Sheriff within this Colony.

An Act to oblige Collectors and Constables to give Security for the faithfull Performance of their respective offices.

An Act to prevent the firing of Guns and other Fire Arms within this Colony.

An Act to prevent Aged and Decrepit Slaves from becoming burthensome within this Colony.

An Act to amend An Act entitled [An Act to confirm certain ancient Conveyances and directing the manner of proving Deeds to be recorded.

An Act for the amendment of the Law and the better advancement of Justice.

An Act for punishing Accessaries to Felonies and Receivers of stolen Goods.

An Act for giving Relief on promissory Notes.

An Act to prevent Fraud in the sale of Bread.

An Act to regulate the sale of Bricks within the City and County of New York.

An Act to prevent the sale of Goods at night by Vendue Auction or Outcry in the City of New York.

An Act for the better laying out and keeping in repair common public and private Highways in the County of Orange.

An Act to amend An Act entitled, An Act for the better clearing mending and further laying out public High Roads and others in the County of Ulster.

An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates and providing for Deficiencies in the Taxes in the County of West Chester.

An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of West Chester and to levy Money to defray the expence thereof.

An Act to repeal An Act entitled, An Act to prevent infectious Distempers in the Counties therein mentioned so far as it relates to the Borough and Town of West Chester and Manor of Philipsburgh.

An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in repair common and public Highways in Richmond County.

An Act to revive An Act entitled, An Act to appoint Inspectors of Flour and Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned.

An Act to ascertain the place from whence the Mileage Fees of the respective Sherifs of the several Counties therein named shall be computed and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for the better regulation of the publick Inns and Taverns in the several Counties therein mentioned.

An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the County of Albany.

An Act to revive An Act entitled, An Act to prevent the Destruction of Deer by Bloodhounds and Beagles in the Counties of Albany Ulster and Orange.

An Act to run out the Lines of Division between the Counties of Albany Tryon and Charlotte, and also the Lines of the several Districts in the said Counties of Albany and Tryon.

An Act to change the names of certain Districts in the County of Tryon, and to alter the Bounds of others in the County of Albany.

An Act respecting Fairs in the Counties of Albany, Cumberland and Tryon.

An Act for raising the further sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds in the County of Cumberland towards finishing the Court House and Goal already erected in the said County.

An Act for fixing the allowance to the Representatives of the Counties of Tryon and Cumberland.

An Act to extend An Act entitled, An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutches County to the Counties of Tryon and Cumberland.

An Act for establishing and regulating Ferries in the County of Tryon.

An Act to extend An Act entitled, An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and publick Highways in the County of Cumberland to the County of Gloucester.

An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for regulating Inns and Taverns in the County of Cumberland, and to extend the same to the County of Gloucester.

An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony.

An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons. And

An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein named.

After which his Excellency the Governor was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly until Tuesday the fourth day of May next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIX., 114.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *fourth* day of *May* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly until the *fifteenth* day of *June* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty first* day of *April* one thousand seven hundred and seventy three in the *thirteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., XCIX., 131.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *fifteenth* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *seventeenth* day of *August* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *ninth* day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and seventy three in the *thirteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W^M TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., C., 121]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province (L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America* Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *seventeenth* day of *August* next I have thought fit for his Majesty Service to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *sixth* day of *October* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *seventh* day of *July* one thousand seven hundred and seventy three, in the *thirteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W^M TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., C., 15.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province (L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *sixth* day of *October* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *seventeenth* day of *November* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and seventy three, in the *thirteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., C., 37.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province (L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to this day I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *sixth* day of *January* now next ensuing, then to meet to proceed upon Business. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *seventeenth* day of *November* one thousand seven hundred and seventy three, in the *fourteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W^M TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
Gw Banyar *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

THIRTY-FIRST ASSEMBLY SIXTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Governor Council *and* General Assembly *for the* Province *of* New York *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Thursday *the* sixth *Day of* January *in the* fourteenth year *of the* Reign *of our* Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth and in the* Year *of our* Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and seventy four.

The General Assembly having on the eighth Day of March last been prorogued to the fourth Day of May following, his Excellency William Tryon Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of the said Province was pleased by divers Proclamations issued from Time to Time to prorogue them as follows that is to say, On the twenty first Day of April one thousand seven hundred and seventy three to the fifteenth Day of June — On the Ninth Day of June to the seventeenth Day of August—On the seventh Day of July to the sixth Day of October — On the twenty ninth Day of September to the seventeenth Day of November — And on the seventeenth Day of November to the sixth Day of January One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy four, then to meet to proceed upon Business.

The Council met accordingly.

Present — *The Honorable* Oliver De Lancey, Esquire, Speaker,

Roger Morris,
John Harris Cruger, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the eleventh day of January, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjourn ment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the twelfth day of January, 1774

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
His Excellency William Tryon Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same; being come to the Council Chamber,
His Excellency sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly, requiring the immediate Attendance of that House in the Council Chamber: And
The General Assembly attending accordingly,
His Excellency the Governor then made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.
His Excellency the Governor having left the Council Chamber, and the General Assembly being returned to the Assembly Chamber.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
Ordered, that the Governors Speech be read.
Then the Speech was read, and
Ordered to be entered in the Journal of this House; and the same is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

While in the utmost Agony of Mind for the Safety of my Family, I lately beheld my own Interest and the Province House involved in one common Ruin, I felt the strongest Emotion of Regret for the Demolition of that Mansion, particularly after your liberall Grant for its Repair. My Anxiety also was infinitely increased by the imminent Danger which threatened the whole City.

Whatever may have been the unhappy Cause, I cannot but adore the peculiar Interposition of Divine Providence, in suffering but one of my Servants to fall a Victim to the rapid and resistless Fury of the Flames; at the same Time my warmest Gratitude is due to the Almighty, that by the powerful exertions of the Citizens and Military this Metropolis was preserved from the destructive Calamity.

The real Consolation it would give me to learn how the Fire was communicated to the Council Chamber, where it was first discovered and most probably originated, has induced me to order the Depositions of several of my Servants to be taken, that as much of this unhappy Event may be known as can be traced. From their Testimony and their regular and careful

Conduct, I cannot help entertaining at least a violent Presumption that this Misfortune did not owe its Birth to any Neglect on their Part, or Accident within their Power to prevent, but rather to some concealed Fire between the Wainscot and Chimney.

I most sincerely lament the imperfect Manner in which I am obliged to lay before you much of the Business I had digested for your Deliberation this Session, the Materials and Papers I had collected for that Purpose being destroyed.

In Consequence of the Laws passed by this Colony and the Province of the Massachusets Bay, the Commissaries appointed by each Government have, since your Recess, met at Hartford, and in the Presence and with the Consent of the respective Governors entered into an Agreement for setling the Line of Jurisdiction between the two Provinces, which I now lay before you. It has already been transmitted for his Majesty's Approbation, and as I cannot doubt its receiving the Royal Sanction, a final Period must soon be put to a Controversy, which for many years has not only affected the Property, but greatly disturbed the Tranquility of many of his Majesty's Subjects in both Governments.

To remove the Difficulties which obstructed the Completion of the Line in part run between this Province and Quebec, I visited that Government the last Summer, and from the Measures concerted with Lieutenant Governor Cramahé, promised myself this Business would have been effected before the approach of Winter; but the Survey being protracted from the low marshy soil through which the Line passes, and a Series of unfavourable Weather, the Provisions of the Party were exhausted and being disappointed in their Expectations of a seasonable Supply, the Surveyors were compelled to abandon the Work, leaving unfinished, as they report, a space not exceeding Ten Miles to Lake St François, where the Survey was to have terminated.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

Besides the Provision for the Support of Government, and the necessary Supplies for his Majesty's Troops, which I recommended to you, some Expences have been incurred for Repairs and other Services, and being of real utility, I flatter myself they will be considered by you as meriting a public Allowance.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The Contests which have arisen between the New York Grantees and the Claimants under New Hampshire, and the Outrages committed on the Setlers under this Government, having been productive of much Confusion and Disorder, and requiring immediate Consideration, His Majesty has been graciously pleased to command me to repair to England for a short time to attend the Discussion of this important Matter.

Impressed with the most cordial Affection for a People who thro' the whole Course of my Administration have honored me with every possible Mark of Regard and Esteem, permit me to assure you, that during my Absence I shall chearfully embrace every opportunity of promoting to the fullest Extent of my Power, the Reputation Interest and Happiness of this respectable Province.

New York the 12th day of January 1774. W^M^ TRYON.

Ordered, that his Excellency's speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Cruger then moved that an humble Address be presented by this House to his Excellency the Governor in answer to his speech.

Ordered, that Mr Smith, Mr Wallace, Mr White, Mr Axtell and Mr Cruger be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draft of the said Address and that they prepare and bring in the same to Morrow.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the thirteenth day of January, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs^.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Wallace from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an humble Address to his Excellency the Governor in Answer to his Speech, reported that the Committee had prepared

the same, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Draft in at the Table where the same was again read and being amended was agreed to and

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the fourteenth day of January, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The engrossed Address to his Excellency the Governor was read.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the said Address And

The Speaker having signed the same accordingly

Ordered, that Mr Axtell and Mr Cruger do wait on his Excellency the Governor and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned, reported that they had waited on his Excellency the Governor accordingly and that his Excellency had been pleased to say he would receive the Address of this House to Morrow at 11 o Clock in the Council Chamber.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the fifteenth day of January, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

With the House proceeded to the Council Chamber to present the humble Address of this House to his Excellency the Governor, and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the House attended his Excellency the Governor and presented to him the humble Address of this House, his Excellency had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which being read

Ordered, that the said Address and Answer be entered in the Journal of this House, which are as follow

To His Excellency WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Council of the province of New York.

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council for the province of New York return your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech.

Animated by the sincerest Affection for your Excellency, and feeling ourselves interested in the Felicity of your Family, we find it difficult to express either our Affliction for the heavy Losses you sustained by the late Fire, or our Gratitude to God for mingling so much Mercy, in that alarming Dispensation of his Providence.

In the Review of the Events of that tragical Night, We cannot call to Remembrance those critical and distressing Moments, when you and your whole Family, were nearly incircled by the devouring Flames, without Anguish and Horror: And acknowledging this signal Deliverance to be a most gracious Act of the divine Benignity to the Province in general, We humbly and heartily join with your Excellency in the devoutest Oblations of Thanksgiving and Praise.

An Uncertainty of Jurisdiction being inevitably productive of Discord and Violence, and involving the Inhabitants of the contested Districts in all the numberless and complicated Miseries of a lawless State, with pleasure we bear Testimony to your Zeal and Assiduity in pursuing the great and necessary Object of ascertaining the Boundaries of the Province; and We hope your unwearied Endeavours in that laudable Service will be crowned with the desired Success.

It is nevertheless with no small Degree of Anxiety that We are taught to consider your Attendance in England as requisite to the Reestablishment of peace in that Corner of the Colony, which has been for so many years past disquieted, by unjustifiable Claims under the Province of New Hampshire.

Important as the End is of vindicating the Authority of the Laws, long prostrated by the licentious Excesses of a Confederacy of Insurgents, who equally daring and cruel, have spread Horror and Desolation through a fertile and extensive Territory, clearly within the antient Grant of this Colony, solemnly adjudg'd to be a part of it by the Royal Decision, and afterwards graciously distributed as a Reward to the brave Officers and Soldiers by whom this Country was rescued from the Incursions of the Enemy; and tho' we have also the firmest Reliance on your Friendly Representations to our Most gracious Sovereign, yet we cannot help anticipating the Moment of your Departure as an unfortunate Event to the Colony.

Happy under an Administration mild, active, generous and just, our Loss, Sir, is certain, even tho' you lay down the Reins of Government only for a Season; and as your Return must from the Vicissitude of human Affairs, be precarious at best, permit us to say, that We yield to your Voyage with a very painful Reluctance.

In Gratitude to your Excellency for your benevolent Engagements to promote the Interest, Reputation and Happiness of the Colony, you may rely with the most assured Confidence upon our chearful Concurrence in every Measure, advancive of his Majesty's Service, the Honor of your Government, the Prosperity of your Family, and the Felicity of a People undoubtedly disposed to give you the most incontestable Marks of their Sympathy and Affection.

By Order of the Council

Council Chamber New York
13th January 1774.

Jno Watts Speaker.

His Excellency's Answer.

Gentlemen

I return you my very sincere and cordial Thanks for your affectionate and loyal Address; and the sympathetic Part you take in a late Tragical Event greatly alleviates my Affliction on that Occasion.

While I acknowledge the real Satisfaction I experience from the highly honorable Testimony you bear to my Administration, Candour and Truth oblige me to say that much of the Honour and Success of my Government, is due to the Wisdom of your Counsel and Advice.

The liberal Aid of your Abilities in the arduous Affairs of my exalted Station; the Affection you profess for me; the Interest you feel for the Prosparity of my Family; the friendly Manner in which you mention my approaching Departure, with your Readiness to promote his Majesty's Service, and the Felicity of his People, all swell my Breast with a generous Glow of Gratitude, and intitle you to my lasting Esteem and Regard.

New York the 15th January 1774.

Wm TRYON.

Ordered, that the Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the eighteenth day of January, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the nineteenth day of January, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORPE,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twentieth day of January, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* CHARLES WARD APTHORP, Esquire, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Friday, the twenty first day of January, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned til Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty fifth day of January, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Walton with the Bill intituled [An Act further to continue An Act intitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Clinton with the Bill intitled [An Act to continue An Act intitled An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gunpowder in dwelling Houses Stores or other Places within the City of New York or on Board of Vessels within the Harbour] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^{r} De Lancey and Mr Van Cortlandt with the Bill intitled [An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding eighteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Colonel Philipse with the Bill intitled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the Major Part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding one hundred and sixty pounds for the Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

Mr Apthorpe moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand intitled [An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages and for securing the Purchasors of mortgaged Estates] might be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the twenty sixth day of January, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act further to continue An Act intitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to continue An Act intitled An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in dwelling Houses Stores or other Places within the City of New York or on Board of Vessels within the Harbour] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intituled [An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding Eighteen Hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the Major Part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding One hundred and Sixty Pounds for the Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages, and for securing the Purchasers of mortgaged Estates] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty seventh day of January, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act further to continue an Act intitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to continue an Act intitled An Act to prevent the Danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in dwelling Houses Stores or other Places within the City of New York or on board of Vessels within the Harbor] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that theCommittee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without Amendment.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding Eighteen hundred Pounds for the Uses therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and,
On the Question being put,
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the time being, or the Major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding one hundred and Sixty Pounds for the Purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put,
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the last mentioned two Bills without any Amendment.
A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Ten Broock and Mr Billop with the Bill intitled [An Act to enable Posthumous Children to take Estates as if born in their Fathers Life Time] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Nicoll with the Bill ntituled [An Act to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony, from the first Day of February One thousand seven hundred and seventy four to the first day of February One thousand seven hundred and seventy five inclusive] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty eighth day of January, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker.

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act to enable Posthumous Children to take Estates as if born in their Father's Life Time] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first Day of February 1774 to the first Day of February 1775 inclusive] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages and for securing the Purchasers of mortgaged Estates] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House, in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill in at the Table, where the same being again read and agreed to,

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the first day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act to enable Posthumous Children to take Estates as if born in their Fathers Life Time] was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill intituled [An Act to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy four to the first day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy five inclusive] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Colonel Woodhull with the Bill intitled [An Act to facilitate the raising of Sheep in the Counties of Ulster and Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill intitled [An Act for the better fixing and ascertaining the Division Line between Montgomerie Ward and the Out Ward of the City of New York on the Easterly Side of Montgomery Ward] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the second day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquire, Speaker,

CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled An Act to facilitate the raising of Sheep in the Counties of Ulster and Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the better fixing and ascertaining the Division Line between Montgomerie Ward and the Out Ward of the City of New York on the Easterly Side of Montgomerie Ward] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorp from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Council adjourned untill to Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday, the third day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS.
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The ingrossed Bill intitled [An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages, and for securing the Purchasers of Mortgaged Estates] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^r De Witt and Mr Brinkerhoff with the Bill intitled [An Act to increase the number of Constables in the County of Ulster] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and M^r De Lancey with the Bill intitled [An Act to settle a Line of Jurisdiction between the Counties of Ulster and Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the better fixing and ascertaining the Division Line between Montgomery Ward and the Out Ward of the City of New York on the Easterly side of Montgomery Ward] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the fourth day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY WHITE,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act to increase the Number of Constables in the County of Ulster] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to settle a Line of Jurisdiction between the Counties of Ulster and Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the eighth day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT —*The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Smith moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act to restrain unlawful and disorderly Gaming Houses in the Colony of New York] might be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Mr Morris moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand intitled [An Act for the better setling of Intestate Estates] might be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to increase the Number of Constables in the County of Ulster] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council have passed the said Bill and the Bill intitled [An Act for the better fixing and ascertaining the Division Line between Montgomery Ward and the Out Ward of the City of New York on the Easterly side of Montgomery Ward] without any Amendment.

Mr Cruger moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand intitled [An Act for the better Discovery of Judgments in the Courts of Record in this Colony] might be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

Mr Banyar Deputy Secretary acquainted the House that his Excellency the Governor being indisposed required the attendance of the House at the Place of his Residence.

The Speaker then left the Chair, and with

The Council proceeded to the present Residence of his Excellency the Governor, and being returned,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having attended his Excellency the Governor at his Residence his Excellency had been pleased in presence of the Council and General Assembly to give his Assent to eight Bills passed by the two Houses, the Titles whereof are as follow

An Act further to continue An Act intitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act to enable Posthumous Children to take Estates as if born in their Fathers Life Time.

An Act to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of February 1774 to the first Day of February 1775 inclusive.

An Act to empower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding eighteen hundred Pounds for the uses therein mentioned.

An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act to prevent the danger arising from the pernicious Practice of lodging Gun Powder in Dwelling Houses, Stores or other Places within the City of New York or on board of Vessels within the Harbour.

An Act for the better fixing and ascertaining the Division Lines between Montgomery Ward and the Out Ward of the City of New York on the Easterly side of Montgomery Ward.

An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the Major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty Pounds for the Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to increase the Number of Constables in the County of Ulster.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the ninth day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^{r} De Lancey and Mr Kissam with the Bill intitled [An Act for making a further Provision of Two thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one year] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wilkins and Mr Billop with the Bill intitled [An Act to lay a Duty on Slaves that shall be hereafter imported into this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Kleeck and M^{r} De Witt with the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marbletown in the County of Ulster] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act to restrain unlawful and disorderly Gaming Houses in the Colony of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the better setling of Intestates Estates] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the Better Discovery of Judgments in the Courts of Record in this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the tenth day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act for making a further Provision of Two thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one year] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to lay a Duty on Slaves that shall be hereafter imported into this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marbletown in the County of Ulster] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act to restrain unlawful and disorderly Gaming Houses in the Colony of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment And

The Report being agreed to, the Bill was

Ordered to be engrossed, and to be read the third time.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the eleventh day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
HENRY HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for making a further Provision of Two thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one year] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marbletown in the County of Ulster] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to lay a Duty on Slaves that shall be hereafter imported into this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report that the Bill should be rejected.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the better setling of Intestates Estates] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment, and

The Report being agreed to, the Bill was

Ordered to be engrossed, and to be read the third time.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the better Discovery of Judgments in the Courts of Records within this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same being read and agreed to, the Bill was

Ordered to be engrossed, and to be read the third time.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the fifteenth day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Brinckerhoff with the Bill entitled [An Act to include within the District of Schenectady a Tract of Land in the County of Albany granted to Frederick Morris and others commonly call'd Corry's Brook or Bush; and likewise all the Lands that do now belong to the Corporation of the Reformed protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Ten Broeck and Mr Thomas with the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the publick Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany, and County of Tryon] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Philips and Colonel Wells with the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent the breaking or defacing the Mile Stones now or hereafter to be erected in this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The ingrossed Bill intitled An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act to restrain unlawful and disorderly Gaming Houses in the Colony of New York] was read the second time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorp do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill intitled [An Act for the better setling of Intestates Estates] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill intitled [An Act for the better Discovery of Judgments in the Courts of Record within this Colony] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do carry the said Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the sixteenth day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Mr Kissam with the Bill entitled [An Act for the better preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act to include within the District of Schenectady a Tract of Land in the County of Albany granted to Frederick Morris and others commonly called Corry's Brook or Bush, and likewise all the lands that do now belong to the Corporation of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany and County of Tryon] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to prevent the breaking or defacing the Mile Stones now or hereafter to be erected in this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The House being informed that David Mathews Esqr attended without, he was called in and presented to the House a Petition of Evert Wynkoop and William Dederick in behalf of themselves and other Inhabitants of the South Part of the County of Albany, against the passing of the Bill now depending before this House intitled [An Act to settle a Line of Jurisdiction between the Counties of Ulster and Albany] and praying for the Reasons set forth in the Petition that the said Bill may be rejected. And the Petition being read

Ordered, that the same be referred to the same Committee to whom the said Bill is committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to settle a Line of Jurisdiction between the Counties of Ulster and Albany] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and duely considered the Reasons offered in the Petition of Evert Wynkoop and William Dederick in Behalf of themselves and others against the passing thereof, and had directed him to report the Bill without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the seventeenth day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquire, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Captain Seaman and Mr Rapalje with the Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent devises] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the better preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the eighteenth day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquire, Speaker,

CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Col Woodhull with the Bill intitled [An Act for the more effectual Prevention of private Lotteries] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Kleeck and Mr Rapalje with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled an Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence with an Addition thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr De Noyelles with the Bill intitled [An Act to declare Harrison's Purchase or Precinct independent of and distinct from Rye] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
The Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devises] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Council adjourned until Tuesday Morning next at 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty second day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brinkerhoff and Mr De Witt with the Bill intitled [An Act to confine Rams at certain Seasons of the year in the Counties of Ulster and Orange and Dutchess] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Brush with the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out public Highways in the County of Westchester] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Jauncey with the Bill intitled [An Act to lay a Tax on Doggs in the Cities of New York and Albany and Counties of Queens and Suffolk] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Mr Brinkerhoff with the Bill intitled [An Act for the better regulating the public Roads in the City and County of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Walton with the Bill intitled [An Act for declaring what shall be a Forcible Entry or Detainer] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and
Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brush and Mr Thomas with the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland; and to facilitate the raising the County charges in the said County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Colonel Wells with the Bill intitled [An additional Act for laying out and improving public Roads in Ulster County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the more effectual Prevention of private Lotteries] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycence; with an Addition thereto] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to declare Harison's Purchase or Precinct independent of and distinct from Rye] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committe of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the better preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devises] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the first mentioned of the said two Bills and the Bill intitled [An Act to settle a line of Jurisdiction between the Counties of Ulster and Albany] without any Amendment.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the twenty third day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act to confine Rams at certain Seasons of the year in the Counties of Ulster Orange and Dutchess] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole Honse in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an act intitled an Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycence; with an Addition thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill and the Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devises] without Amendment.

The Bill intitled [An Act to amend An Act intitled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out public Highways in the County of Westchester] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to lay a Tax on Doggs in the Cities of New York and Albany and Counties of Queens and Suffolk] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the better regulating the public Roads in the City and County of New York was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for declaring what shall be a forcible Entry or Detainer] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland; and to facilitate the raising the County Charges in the said County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Additional Act for laying out and improving public Roads in Ulster County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Col. Ten Broeck with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive An Act intitled An Act for the better regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New York chosen by Virtue of the Charters granted to the said City and other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty fourth day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act for the better Regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New York chosen by Virtue of the Charters granted to the said City, and other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent the breaking or defacing the Milestones now or hereafter to be erected in this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill intitled [An Act to confine Rams at certain Seasons of the year in the Counties of Ulster Orange and Dutchess] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the better regulating the public Roads in the City and County of New York] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland, and to facilitate the raising the County Charges in the s^d County] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Clinton with the Bill intitled [An Act for the better setling Intestates Estates] acquainting this House that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An additional Act for laying out and improving public Roads in Ulster County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty fifth day of February, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill intitled [An Act to repeal an Act intitled An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act for the better Regulation of the election of officers in the City of New York chosen by Virtue of the Charter granted to the said City and other Purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the said Bill and the Bill intitled [An Additional Act for laying out and improving public Roads in Ulster County] without Amendment.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the first day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Rapalje with the Bill intitled [An Act for the better security and more easy Recovery of Rents and renewal of Leases and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Peter Livingston and Mr De Witt with the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent Justices of the Peace from trying Causes in Taverns in the places therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Kissam with the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any criminal offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr Walton with the Bill intitled [An Act to raise the Sum of Four hundred Pounds to finish the Court House and Goal in Goshen in the County of Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent the Abatement of Suits by the Death of the Parties] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Brinckerhoff with the Bill intitled [An Act for the more easy collecting his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Oblong Patent in the Counties of Dutches and Westchester and for dividing the same into three Districts] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act to repeal an Act intitled An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borrough and Town of Westchester and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany and County of Tryon] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out public Highways in the County of Westchester] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

Mr Wallace moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand intitled [An Act to prevent the depreciating the Paper Currency of this Colony] might be read.

Then the said Bill was read accordingly, and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to lay a Tax on Dogs in the Cities of New York and Albany and Counties of Queens and Suffolk] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to repeal an Act intitled An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

Mr Smith moved that a Bill which he held in his Hand intitled [An Act for the Amendment of the Law for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries] might be read.

Then the said Bill was read accordingly; and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the second day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the better Security and more easy Recovery of Rents and Renewal of Leases, and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to prevent Justices of the Peace from trying Causes in Taverns in the Places therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to raise the sum of four hundred Pounds to finish the Court House and Goal in Goshen in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to prevent the Abatement of Suits by the Death of the Parties] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the more easy collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Oblong Patent in the Counties of Dutchess and Westchester, and for dividing the same into three Districts] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to prevent the depreciating the Paper Currency of this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the Amendment of the Law for the Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the third day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Hono^ble* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the better Security and more easy Recovery of Rents and Renewal of Leases and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to raise the sum of four Hundred Pounds to finish the Court House and Goal in Goshen in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent the abatement of Suits by the Death of the Parties] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Colonel Philipse with the Bill intitled [An Act for making an allowance of Five thousand Pounds to his Excellency the Governor as a Compensation in Part for the Damage he sustained by the late dreadful Fire] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill beread.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill intitled [An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany and County of Westchester] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Peter Livingston and Colonel Ten Brock with the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Colonel Wells with the Bill intitled [An Act for preventing Tumultuous and Riotous Assemblies in the Places therein mentioned, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Read.

Then the said Bill was Read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent the Depreciating the paper Currency of this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same being again read and agreed to

Ordered, that the Bill be ingrossed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the amendment of the law for prevention of Frauds and Perjuries] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the Bill be engrossed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the fourth day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The ingrossed Bill intitled [An Act to prevent the depreciating the Paper Currency of this Colony] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to declare Harison's Purchase a Precinct independent and distinct from Rye] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^r De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the more easy collecting his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Oblong Patent in the Counties of Dutchess and Westchester and for dividing the same into three Districts] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Bill intitled [An Act for making an Allowance of Five Thousand Pounds to his Excellency the Governor as a Compensation in Part for the Damage he sustained by the late dreadful Fire] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill without Amendment.

The Bill intitled [An Act for preventing tumultuous and riotous Assemblies in the Places therein mentioned, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters] was read the time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany and County of Westchester] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Mr Walton with the Bill intitled [An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein named] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned until Tuesday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Tuesday, the eighth day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquire, Speaker,

CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein named] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the more effectual Prevention of private Lotteries] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany and County of Westchester] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Gale with the Bill intitled [An Act for running out and marking the Division Line between the Counties of Ulster and Orange from the East side of the Shawungunk Mountains to the Delaware River] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brush and Captain Seaman with the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the common and publick Highways in the County of Charlotte] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Kissam with the Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Parishes and other Places from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children born within the same] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Livingston and Mr Jauncey with the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Noyelles and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill intitled [An Act for raising a sum not exceding one thousand Pounds for building a Court House and Goal in the County of Orange and for other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent Justices of the peace from trying Causes in Taverns in the Places therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, where the Amendments were again read, and being agreed to and engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do return the Bill with the Amendments, and acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the Bill with the said Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of that House.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the ninth day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The engrossed Bill intitled [An Act for the Amendment of the Law for the prevention of Frauds and Perjuries] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do carry the Bill to the General Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^{r} De Witt and Mr Thomas acquainting this House that the General Assembly have passed the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent the depreciating the Paper Currency of this Colony] without Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Nicoll acquainting this House that the General Assembly have passed the Bill intitled [An Act for the better Discovery of Judgments in the Courts of Record in this Colony] without Amendment.

His Excellency William Tryon Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly

His Excellency in the presence of the Council and General Assembly was pleased to give his assent to Twenty nine Bills passed by the two Houses, the Titles whereof are as follow

An Act for making a further Provision of Two Thousand Pounds for furnishing his Majesty's Troops quartered in this Colony with Necessaries for one Year.

An Act for making an Allowance of five Thousand Pounds to his Excellency the Governor as a Compensation in Part for the Damage he sustained by the late dreadful Fire.

An Act for the better setling Intestates Estates.

An Act for the Relief of Creditors against fraudulent Devises.

An Act for the better preventing of excessive and deceitful Gaming.

An Act for the better Security and more easy Recovery of Rents and Renewal of Leases, and to prevent Frauds committed by Tenants.

An Act for the better Discovery of Judgments in the Courts of Record in this Colony.

An Act to prevent the depreciating the Paper Currency of this Colony.

An Act for the more effectual Prevention of private Lotteries.

An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Lycence with an Addition thereto.

An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the speedy punishing and releasing such Persons from Imprisonment as shall commit any Criminal Offences under the Degree of Grand Larceny.

An Act to prevent the Abatement of Suits by the Death of the Parties.

An Act to prevent the breaking or defacing the Mile Stones now or hereafter to be erected in this Colony.

An Act for preventing tumultuous and riotous assemblies in the Places therein mentioned, and for the more speedy and effectual Punishing the Rioters.

An Act for the better regulating the public Roads in the City and County of New York.

An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act for the better Regulation of the Election of Officers in the City of New York chosen by Virtue of the Charters granted to the said City and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to lay a Tax on Dogs in the Cities of New York and Albany, and Counties of Queens and Suffolk.

An Act to amend An Act intitled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany and County of Tryon.

An Act to settle a Line of Jurisdiction between the Counties of Ulster and Albany.

An additional Act for laying out and improving public Roads in Ulster County.

An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Township of Marbletown in the County of Ulster.

An Act to raise the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds to finish the Court House and Goal in Goshen in the County of Orange.

An Act to confine Rams at certain Seasons of the year in the Counties of Ulster Orange and Dutchess.

An Act for the more easy collecting his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Oblong Patent in the Counties of Dutchess and Westchester and for dividing the same into three Districts.

An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the better clearing regulating and further laying out public Highways in the County of Westchester.

An Act to repeal an Act intitled An Act for the better regulating and keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Borough and Town of Westchester and to levy Money to defray the Expence thereof.

An Act to declare Harison's Purchase a Precinct independent and distinct from Rye.

An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for laying out regulating and keeping in Repair common and public Highways in the County of Cumberland; and to facilitate the raising the County Charges in the said County.

An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the Manor of Livingston.

His Excellency the Governor then left the Council Chamber and the General Assembly returned to the Assembly Chamber.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act for running out and marking the Division Line between the Counties of Ulster and Orange from the East side of the Shawungunck Mountains to the Delaware River] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Parishes and other Places from such Charges as may arise from Bastard children born within the same] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways and to prevent accidents by Fire in the said Town] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for raising a Sum not exceeding one thousand Pounds for building a Court House and Goal in the County of Orange, and for other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the tenth day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Billop and Mr Rapalje with the Bill intitled [An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for running out and marking the Division Line between the Counties of Ulster and Orange from the East side of the Shawungunk Mountains to the Delaware River] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in Repair the common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Parishes and other Places from such Charges as may arise from Bastard Children born within the same] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorpe do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the eleventh day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHA^s WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Colonel Ten Broeck with the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the better laying out and keeping in Repair common Public and private Highways in the County of Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorpe from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his Place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same were again read and being agreed to, the Report was approved of, and the Amendments

Ordered to be engrossed, and being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that M^r De Lancey do return the Bill with the Amendments to the General Assembly and acquaint the General Assembly that this House have passed the Bill with the said Amendments to which they desire their Concurrence.

The Council adjourned until Monday Morning 11 o Clock.

Monday, the fourteenth day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the better laying out and keeping in Repair Common public and private Highways in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for raising a Sum not exceeding one thousand Pounds for building a Court House and Goal in the County of Orange and for other Purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the better laying out and keeping in Repair Common Public and private Highways in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the fifteenth day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col P. Livingston and Mr Rapalje with the Bill intitled [An Act to raise the sum of Twelve thousand Pounds by Lottery or Lotteries towards building a Province House and Secretary's Office] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Boerum with the Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr De Noyelles with the Bill intitled [An Act for laying a Road through the Land of Adolph Myer to Mutie David's Fly in the Township of Harlem] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Philips and Captain Seaman with the Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Rapalje with the Bill intitled [An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] with the Amendments made thereto by the Council acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the first and second Amendments, but disagreed to the last.

Mr Smith then moved that this House do desire a Conferrence with the General Assembly on the subject Matter of the said Amendment and that a Committee of this House be appointed for that purpose to meet and confer with the Committee to be appointed by the General Assembly.

And the said Motion being seconded, was

On the Question being put

Carried in the Negative.

DISSENT.

First, Because there is great reason to apprehend if the General Assembly do not consent to the last amendment proposed by this House, that the Militia Bill will be lost by the Governor's negative.

Secondly, Because the Condition of the Province renders it Dangerous at this Juncture to leave the Executive Branch without the aid of the Militia, it requiring but little Discernment to foresee, Judging from the Addresses of both Houses to his Excellency at the opening of the present Session, the Resolves of the lower House, and the Act we have just passed, relating to the outrages in the northern Counties, that if there is no Militia to suppress Insurrections, and aid the Posse Comitatus, the Possessions of the reduced Officers and Soldiers and others, claiming Lands in the Counties adjudged to be within this Colony by the Royal Decision of 1764, will be destroyed by the Ravages of the Rioters, of whose Enormities the oppressed Inhabitants have so often and so loudly and Justly complained.

Thirdly, Because it appears to me highly probable that the General Assembly may be persuaded by a free and friendly conferrence to consent to the last amendment proposed by this House, when they are made acquainted, that the Council cannot recede from the proposed amendment:

(1.) Because such a Restraint upon the Crown, as the clause objected to contains, would be an Attack upon the Royal Prerogative, of distributing Honors and Trusts according to his Majesty's Pleasure.

(2.) Because the like amendment to a Militia Bill was sent down to the Assembly in March 1772, and then by them assented to.

(3.) Because no Instance in the Conduct of Government, since the passing of the last Militia Act in 1772, can as I conceive be assigned to Justify a change of the sentiments, manifested by this House, in proposing the amendment at that time, and by the Assembly in Assenting thereto.

(4.) Because the receding from our Amendment, may not only expose us, to the Imputation of Instability in our Councils, but open a Door to surmizes already incongruous with the Honorable Testimonials we have given, and justly owed to his Excellency, for an administration wise and impartial, fair and generous and steadily conducted, by Principles unbiased by Party Feuds and acknowledged to be equally friendly to the Rights of the Crown and Weal of the Colony.

Lastly, Because throughout the whole Militia of the Colony, I do not recollect any Militia Officer, except the single Instance of a Gentleman in the Rank of Colonel, residing out of the County where his Regimt is formed, who nevertheless dwells at no remote distance from it, has a House and Servants there, to which he frequently resorts, enjoys one of the most opulent Estates in the County, and had the Rank of Colonel conferred upon him in the administration of Sir Henry Moore. Whence there seems to be room to conclude that the evil consequences of the appointmt of one non resident Colonel (and he not complained of by the Regiment, and removable by the Governor, if he was) must be if not imaginary, of very little moment if we consider on the other Hand the imminent Dangers to which the northern Setlers will be exposed, the aspect which the Bill unamended will have upon the Prerogative of the Crown, and the Expence and Trouble of a new convention of the General Assembly which will be necessary if the Public Tranquility should unfortunately be disturbed by a renewal of the Disorders in the Northern Districts of the Colony.

WM SMITH.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Captain Seaman with the Bill passed by this House intitled [An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages and for securing the Purchasers of Mortgaged Estates] acquainting this House that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill without Amendment.

The Council adjourned till this Afternoon 4 o clock.

Tuesday, the fifteenth day of March, 1774. Post Meridiem.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT— *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act to raise the sum of Twelve thousand Pounds by Lottery or Lotteries towards building a Province House and Secretary's Office] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for laying a Road thro the Land of Adolph Myer to Mutie David's Fly in the Township of Harlem] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned until Thursday Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the seventeenth day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Nicoll with the Bill passed by this House intitled [An Act for the amendment of the Law for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries] acquainting this House that the General Assembly hath passed the said Bill without Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Wilkins with the Bill intitled [An Act to enable Lewis Morris and John Sickles to erect and build a Bridge across Harlem River] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by M^{r} De Noyelles and Colonel Wells with the Bill intitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Colonel Seaman with the Bill intitled [An Act to empower certain Persons therein named to compleat a Ditch that is partly dug from Gowanes Bay to the East River in Kings County under certain Restrictions] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Colonel Philips with the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Fires and for regulating Buildings in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Colonel Seaman and Mr Boerum with the Bill intitled [An Act for the Payment of the salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The House being informed that John Sebring attended without he was called in, and presented to this House a petition of Jacob Sebring, Jacob Sebring Junior and John Van Dyck praying that the Bill now before this House enabling certain Persons to complete a Ditch from Gowanus to the East River, may be rejected or that the Petitioners may be heard.

On reading whereof,

Ordered, that the Petitioners or either of them be heard against the said Bill and that they attend for that Purpose to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for laying a Road through the land of Adolph Myer to Mutie David's Fly in the Township of Harlem] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Council adjourned till this Afternoon 4 o'Clock.

Thursday, the seventeenth day of March, 1774. P. M.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act to enable Lewis Morris and John Sickles to erect and build a Bridge across Harlem River] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to empower certain Persons therein named to compleat a Ditch that is partly Dug from Gowanus Bay to the East River in Kings County under certain Restrictions] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Fires and for regulating Buildings in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other Purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the eighteenth day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the Payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other Purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

M^{r} De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said two Bills without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled An Act to enable Lewis Morris and John Sickles to erect and build a Bridge across Harlem River] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The House being informed that John Rapalje Esqr attended without in order to present a Petition to the House and he being called in presented a Petition in the name of Nicholas Van Veght in Behalf of himself and the other Inhabitants of Gowanes on Nassau Island praying that the House will proceed to the Consideration of the Bill before this House intitled [An Act to impower certain Persons therein named to complete a Ditch that is partly dug from Gowanes Bay to the East River in King's County under certain Restrictions] and of the Reasons which gave Rise to the Bill and which occasioned its passing the General Assembly.

On reading of which petition,

Ordered, that the same together with the Petition of Jacob Sebring Jacob Sebring Junior and John Van Dyck presented to this House yesterday be referred to the Committee to whom the said Bill is referred and that the Petitioners on both sides be heard before the Committee as to their Reasons for and against the passing of the said Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and both Parties attending and being fully heard before the Committee as well in support of as against the passing of the said Bill and being withdrawn,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had heard the Petitioners as well for as against the Bill and having gone through the Bill had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill without Amendment.

The House taking into Consideration the Message of the General Assembly on the 15th Instant acquainting this House that they do not agree to the third Amendment made by this House to the Bill intitled [An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] and the said Amendment being again read,

Resolved, that this House do adhere to the said Amendment.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do return to the General Assembly the Bill with the Amendments thereto, and acquaint the General Assembly that this House do adhere to their said third Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday, the nineteenth day of March, 1774.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

His Excellency William Tryon Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Excellency in the presence of both Houses was pleased to give his assent to fifteen Bills passed by the two Houses, the Titles whereof are as follow

An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for the more effectual Registry of Mortgages, and for securing the Purchasers of Mortgaged Estates.

An Act for the amendment of the Law for Prevention * of Frauds and Perjuries.

An Act for the Relief of Parishes and other Places from such charges as may arise from Bastard Children born within the same.

An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent accidents by Fire in the said Town.

An Act for running out and marking the Division Line between the Counties of Ulster and Orange from the east side of the Shawangunk Mountains to the Delaware River.

An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange.

An Act to amend An Act intitled, An Act for the better laying [out] and keeping in Repair common public and private Highways in the County of Orange.

An Act for raising a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds for building a Court House and Goal in the County of Orange, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to amend An Act intitled, An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair the Common and public Highways in the County of Charlotte.

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony.

An Act for laying out a Road through the Land of Adolph Myer to Mutie David's Fly in the Township of Harlem.

An Act to enable Lewis Morris and John Sickles to erect and build a Bridge across Harlem River.

An Act to impower certain Persons therein named to compleat a Ditch that is partly dug from Gowanes Bay to the East River in Kings County, under certain Restrictions.

His Excellency the Governor was then pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to the seventeenth day of May next, and the General Assembly is prorogued accordingly.

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* "Preservation" in the manuscript; but evidently an error.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., C., 112]

By the Honorable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *seventeenth* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *sixteenth* day of *June* now next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Brookland Ferry* in Kings County on *Nassau Island* the *sixteenth* day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and seventy four in the *fourteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honor's Command
Sam Bayard Junr *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., C., 117.]

By the Honorable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *sixteenth* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly to the *third* day of *August* now next ensuing of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at *Brookland Ferry* in Kings County on *Nassau Island* the *fourteenth* day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and seventy four in the *fourteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honor's Command
Sam Bayard Junr *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., C., 130.]

By the Honorable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *third* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *seventh* day of *September* now next ensuing of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Brookland Ferry* in Kings County on *Nassau Island* the *second* day of *August* one thousand seven hundred and seventy four, in the *fourteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By His Honor's Command
Sam Bayard Junr *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., CI., 1.]

By the Honorable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *seventh* day of *September* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *fifth* day of *October* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and seventy four, in the *fourteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By his Honor's Command
Sam Bayard Junr *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., CI., 12.]

By the Honorable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *fifth* day of *October* next. I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *second* day of *November* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and seyenty four, in the *fourteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By his Honor's Command

Sam Bayard Junr *D Secrv.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., CI., 22.]

By the Honorable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *second* day of *November* next, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *seventh* day of *December* now next ensuing Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty eighth* day of *October* one thousand seven hundred and seventy four, in the *fifteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By his Honor's Command

Sam Bayard Junr *D Secrv.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., CI., 34.]

By the Honorable

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *seventh* day of *December* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *tenth* day of *January* now next ensuing, then to meet to proceed upon business Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirtieth* day of *November* one thousand seven hundred and seventy four, in the *fifteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By his Honor's Command
Sam Bayard Junr *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

THIRTY-FIRST ASSEMBLY SEVENTH SESSION.

At a Session *of the* Lieutenant Governor, *the* Council *and* General Assembly *for the* Province *of* New York *begun and holden at the City Hall in the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the* tenth *day of* January *in the* fifteenth year *of the* Reign *of* our Sovereign Lord George *the* Third *by the* Grace *of* God *of* Great Britain France *and* Ireland King Defender *of the* Faith *and so forth, and in the* year *of our* Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five.

The General Assembly having on the nineteenth day of March last been Prorogued by His Excellency William Tryon Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of the said Province to the seventeenth day of May following and the Government of this Colony having by the departure of his said Excellency William Tryon Esquire for England on the seventh day of April last, devolved on the Honble Cadwallader Colden Esquire His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor; His Honor was pleased by divers Proclamations issued from time to time, to prorogue them as follows, that is to say. On the sixteenth day of May one thousand seven hundred and seventy four to the sixteenth day of June, on the fourteenth day of June to the third day of August, on the second day of August to the seventh day of September, on the first day of September to the fifth day of October, on the twenty ninth day of September to the second day of November, on the twenty eight day of October to the seventh day of December and on the thirtieth day of November to the tenth day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy five then to meet to proceed upon Business.

The Council met accordingly.

Present — *The Honorable* Oliver De Lancey, Esqr, Speaker,

Roger Morris,
William Axtell,
John Harris Cruger, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned untill to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the eleventh day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^rs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned untill to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twelfth day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned until to Morrow Morning 11 O Clock.

Friday, the thirteenth day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Honorable Cadwallader Colden Esquire His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, being come to the Council Chamber, His Honor sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring the immediate attendance of that House in the Council Chamber, And the General Assembly attending accordingly,

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor then made a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, and delivered one Copy thereof to the Speaker of the Council, and another Copy thereof to the Speaker of the General Assembly.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor having left the Council Chamber, and The General Assembly being returned to the Assembly Chamber,

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, that the Lieutenant Governors Speech be Read.

Then the Speech was read, and

Ordered to be entered in the Journal of this House, and the same is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, and General Assembly,

I think it unnecessary at this time, particularly to Recommend to your attention the ordinary Business of the Legislature; whatever may be found Conducive to the Dignity of His Majesty's Government, or the Happiness of His People in this Colony, I shall cheerfully promote.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The Support of His Majesty's Government, and other Allowances for His Service, I doubt not you will readily provide for.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

We cannot Sufficiently lament the present disordered State of the Colonies. The Dispute between Great Britain and her American Dominions, is now brought to the most Alarming Crisis, and fills every Humane Breast with the deepest Affliction. It is to you, Gentlemen, in this anxious moment, that your Country looks up for Council; And on you it, in a great Measure, depends to Rescue her from Evils of the most Ruinous Tendency. Exert yourselves then with the Firmness becoming your Important Office. If your Constituents are discontented and apprehensive, examine their Complaints with Calmness and Deliberation, and determine upon them with an Honest Impartiality. If you find them to be well grounded, pursue the Means of Redress which the Constitution has pointed out. Supplicate the Throne, and our Most Gracious Sovereign will hear and Relieve you with Paternal Tenderness. But I entreat you, as you regard the Happiness of your Country, to discountenance every measure which may increase our Distress: And anxious for the Re-establishment of Harmony, with that Power with which you are Connected by the Ties of Blood, Religion, Interest and Duty, prove yourselves, by your Conduct on this Occasion, earnestly sollicitous for a Cordial and permanent Reconciliation.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

In the Absence of our most worthy Governor in Chief, no less distinguished by his extensive Abilities than his Zeal for the Honor of The Crown and his Affection for the People of this Province, and at so critical a Conjuncture, it gives me great Consolation that I can repose the Utmost Confidence in your Wisdom, Your Attachment to the Constitution, and your Regard for the Interest of the British Empire. And you may be assured that my most strenuous Efforts shall be exerted to co-operate with you, in restoring that Tranquility which must be the Ardent Desire of every Wise, Virtuous and Loyal Subject.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

Ordered, that His Honors Speech be forthwith printed.

Mr Watts then moved that an Humble Address be presented by this House to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his Speech.

Ordered, that Mr Watts, Mr Morris, and Mr Smith be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare the Draught of the said Address, and that they prepare and bring in the same on Teusday next.

The Council adjourned till Teusday next, at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Teusday, the seventeenth day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr Watts from the Committee appointed to prepare the Draft of an Humble Address to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his Speech, reported that the Committee had prepared the same, which he read in his place, and then delivered the Draft in at the Table, where the same was again read, and being amended was agreed to and

Ordered to be engrosed.

Ordered, that Mr Watts and Mr Morris do wait on his Honor the Lieutenant Governor and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by this House with their Address.

The said Gentlemen being returned, reported, that they had waited on His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and that His Honor had been pleased to Say he would receive the Address of this House to morrow at 12 o Clock in the Council Chamber.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the eighteenth day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The engrosed Address to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor was Read.

Ordered, that the Speaker sign the said Address; and

The Speaker having signed the same accordingly,

The Speaker left the Chair, and with

The House proceeded to the Council Chamber to present the humble Address of this House to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor; and being returned

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Reported that having with the House attended His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and presented to him the humble Address of this House, His Honor had been pleased to return a favourable Answer thereto, which was read.

Ordered, that the said Address and answer be entered in the Journal of this House and the same are as follows

To the Honorable CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire His Majestys Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America.

The Humble ADDRESS of His Majesty's Council for the Province of New York.

May it please your Honor.

We His Majestys Most dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Council for the Province of New York, return you our Thanks for your Speech.

The Utility and Necessity of promoting His Majesty's Service, and the Felicity of the Colony, are so Apparent that you may be assured of our ready Concurrence, in every measure friendly to these important and inseperable Objects.

Attached—most Affectionately and Inviolably Attached to the Honor and Interest of the King, Zealously concerned for the Prosperity and Glory of Great Britain and her Dependances; and impressed by a due Sense of the innumerable Benefits, flowing from an harmonious Connection between the several Branches of the Empire, We cannot look at that Awful Precipice to which the unnatural Discords between the Parent State, and her Colonies are tending, without Horror and Consternation.

In Controversies turning upon Principles of the deepest Policy, and of such amazing Magnitude, as to involve the Provinces in the most distressing Perplexities, the Glorious Work of restoring the common Tranquility, and establishing an intimate and permanent Union between all the Parts of the Empire, must (under God) ultimately depend, upon the Wisdom and Benignity of the Crown, and the Justice and Magnanimity of the British Nation.

Gladly shall we sieze every opportunity, to effect a Reconciliation between Countries whose Interests are so inseperable, that the true Patriot of either must be a real Friend to both: And while the means to this desireable End, employ the Councils of the Nation, our most Vigorous Efforts shall be steadily exerted, to prevent the destructive Consequences of Anarchy and Confusion.

It affords us great Relief in this Critical Hour to find your Honor heartily disposed to promote the same Salutary Designs: and it adds to our Consolation that in so alarming a Conjuncture this Colony has in her Chief Governor, an Advocate near the Throne, upon whose distinguished Abilities, and active and generous Benevolence Men of all Ranks amongst us Rely, with the firmest Confidence, for a true and faithful Representation of our Condition and Character.

By Order of the Council
DAN^L HORSMANDEN, Speeker.

Council Chamber New York
January the 18th 1775.

His HONORS answer.

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for this Address. It will give me Pleasure to convey to the Throne, the warm Expressions of your Loyalty and Attachment to our Gracious Sovereign, and your solicitude for the Glory of the British Empire.

While we with Confidence rely on His Majestys Wisdom and paternal Affection, and the Justice and Magnanimity of the Nation, for restoring Harmony among the various Parts of the Empire, our utmost efforts are necessary to prevent the destructive Consequences of Anarchy and Confusion.

Ordered, that the Address and Answer be forthwith printed.

The Council adjourned till Fryday next at 11 o Clock in the Morning.

Friday, the twentieth day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty fourth day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair,

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Peter Livingston & Mr Jauncey with the Bill intitled [An Act to appoint Commissioners for Collecting the Duty of Excise on Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first Day of February One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy five, to the first day of February one Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six inclusive] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Philips and Col Ten Brook with the Bill intitled [An Act to Continue an Act entitled An Act to regulate the Sale of Goods at Public Auction or Outcry within this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the twenty fifth day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM AXTELL, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair

The Council adjourned till 11 o Clock to morrow morning.

Thursday, the twenty sixth day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Coll. Woodhull and Capt Seaman with the Bill entitled [An Act to Continue and amend an Act entitled An Act to prevent the destruction of Fish in the County of Suffolk] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Rapalje and Mr Wilkins with the Bill entitled [An Act for altering the time of assessing and collecting the Taxes for the Support of a Minister and the Poor in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Billopp with the Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled an Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of Damaged Goods imported into this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton & Mr De Witt, with the Bill intitled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York, or the Major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding two Thousand Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Courtlandt with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act to impower the Freeholders of the Towns of Hampstead and Oyster Bay in Queen's County to make prudential orders for the better regulating the parting their Sheep feeding on the Great Plains, and to sell such stray sheep as shall be left at such time of parting] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty seventh day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act to appoint Commissioners for Collecting the Duty of Excise on strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy five to the first day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy six inclusive] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill, and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act to continue an Act intitled An Act to regulate the sale of Goods at Public Vendue Auction or Outcry within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act to continue and amend An Act intitled An Act to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the County of Suffolk] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for altering the time of Assessing and Collecting the Taxes for the support of a minister and the Poor in the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

Ths Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of Damaged Goods imported into this Colony] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding Two Thousand Pounds for the uses therein mentioned] was read the second time, and

Ordered te be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to impower the Freeholders of the Towns of Hampstead and Oyster Bay in Queens County to make prudential orders for the better regulating the parting their Sheep feeding on the Great Plains, and to sell such stray sheep as shall be left at such time of parting] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to appoint Commissioners for collecting the Duty of Excise upon Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, to the first day of February one Thousand seven hundred and seventy six inclusive] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that this Bill do pass.

The Bill intitled [An Act to continue an Act intitled An Act to regulate the sale of Goods at Public Vendue Auction or Outcry within this Colony] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that this Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House has passed the said two Bills, without Amendment.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o Clock.

Saturday the twenty eight day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

Present—*The Honorable* Daniel Horsmanden, Esquire, Speaker,

John Watts,
Oliver De Lancey,
Roger Morris,
Henry White,
William Axtell,
John Harris Cruger, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Col. Philips with the Bill intitled [An Act to continue an Act intitled An Act for granting to His Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Ten Broeck and Mr Brush, with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive An Act to prevent Accidents by Fire in that part of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Van Kleek, with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned as they relate to the Counties of Queens and Suffolk] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt & Col. Schuyler with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Livingston and Mr Boerum with the Bill intitled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being or the major part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding One hundred and Sixty Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled [An Act for altering the Time of Assessing and Collecting the Taxes for the support of a Minister and the Poor in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to prevent Frauds in the Sale of damaged Goods imported into this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till Monday next 11 o Clock.

Monday, the thirtieth day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act further to continue an Act intitled An Act for granting to His Majesty the several Duties and Impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned as they relate to the Counties of Queens and Suffolk] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the Time being, or the major Part of them, to order the raising a Sum not exceeding One hundred and Sixty Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till 11 o Clock to morrow morning.

Tuesday, the thirty first day of January, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Peter Livingston & Col. Wells with the Bill intitled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck to elect additional District Officers] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Col. Ten Broock with the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent Accidents by Old and decayed Buildings in the City of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled [An Act to Continue and amend an Act intitled An Act to prevent the destruction of Fish in the County of Suffolk] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report upon the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled [An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the major Part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding Two Thousand pounds for the uses therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report upon the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath Passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled [An Act further to Continue an Act intitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several Duties and impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report upon the Question being put was agreed to & approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled [An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding one hundred and sixty Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report upon the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without amendment.

His Honor Cadwallader Colden Esquire His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly, requiring their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly.

His Honor in presence of both Houses was pleased to give his assent to eight Bills passed by the two Houses, the Titles whereof are as follow.

An Act to appoint Commissioners for Collecting the Duty of Excise upon Strong Liquors retailed in this Colony from the first day of February 1775 to the first day of February 1776 inclusive.

An Act to Continue an Act intitled An Act to regulate the sale of Goods at Public Vendue Auction or outcry within this Colony.

An Act for altering the time of assessing and Collecting the Taxes for the support of a Minister and the Poor in the City of New York.

An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to prevent Frauds in the Sale of damaged Goods imported into this Colony.

An Act to Continue and amend an Act intitled An Act to prevent the destruction of Fish in the County of Suffolk.

An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York or the major part of them to order the raising a Sum not exceeding Two Thousand Pounds for the uses therein mentioned.

An Act further to Continue an Act intitled An Act for granting to his Majesty the several duties and impositions on Goods Wares and Merchandizes imported into this Colony therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany for the time being or the major part of them to order the raising a sum not exceeding one hundred and sixty pounds for the purposes therein mentioned.

The Council adjourned till Thursday next 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the second day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Ten Broeck and Mr Gale with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned for preventing Damages by Swine in the Manor of Rensselaerwyck] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Brinkerhoff with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to oblige the Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions to determine Appeals made to them, according to the merrits of the Case notwithstanding Defects of Form in the Original Proceedings; and to oblige Persons suing forth Writs of Certiorari to remove Orders made on such Appeals into the Supreme Court of this Colony; to give security to prosecute the same to Effect] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 11 o Clock to Morrow Morning.

Friday, the third day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Van Kleek with the Bill intitled [An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Albany Ulster, Orange and Dutchess] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck to elect additional District Officers] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to prevent Accidents by old and decaying Buildings in the City of Albany] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned for preventing Damages by Swine in the Manor of Rensselaerwyck] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to oblige the Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions to determine Appeals made to them according to the merits of the Case, notwithstanding Defects of Form in the original Proceedings; and to oblige Persons suing forth Writs of Certiorari to remove orders made on such Appeals into the Supreme Court of this Colony, to give security to prosecute the same to Effect] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorp from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to prevent accidents by Fire in that part of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Jauncey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of, and the Bill

Ordered a third Reading.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the seventh day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquire, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to restrain Hawkers & Pedlars within this Colony from selling without licence with an Addition thereto] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Peter Livingston and Mr Thomas with the Bill intitled [An Act to erect the East Camp in the District of the Manor of Livingston in the County of Albany into a seperate District, and for other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, &
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till 11 o Clock to morrow morning.

Wednesday, the eighth day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till 11 o Clock to Morrow Morning.

Thursday, the ninth day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honourable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Brinkerhoff with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive and amend the two acts therein mentioned respecting Pot and Pearl Ashes] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Mr Billopp with the Bill intitled [An Act to Amend an Act intitled An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires, and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
The Bill intitled [An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Albany Ulster Orange & Dutchess] was read the second time, and
Ordered to be committed.
The Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without licence with an addition thereto] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Bill intitled [An Act to erect the East Camp in the District of the Manor of Livingston in the Connty of Albany into a seperate District, and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and
Ordered to be Committed.
The Council adjourned till 11 o Clock to Morrow Morning.

Friday, the tenth day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive and amend the two Acts therein mentioned respecting Pot and Pearl Ashes] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires, and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New York] was read the second time, and

Orderd to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the fourteenth day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquire, Speaker,

CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Brush with the Bill intitled [An Act to regulate the Pilots and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt and Mr Brinkerhoff with the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of West Chester, and for other Purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till 11 o Clock to morrow morning.

Wednesday, the fifteenth day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act to regulate the Pilots and to establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act intitled An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of West Chester and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till 11 o Clock on Fryday next.

Friday, the seventeenth day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned as they relate to the Counties of Queens and Suffolk] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence, with an Addition thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled [An Act to regulate the Pilots and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Jauncey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty first day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquire, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Thursday next at 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the twenty third day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicol and Mr Coe with the Bill intitled [An Act for removing the Prisoners from the Old Goal in the Precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange, to the New Goal built in the said Precinct] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Brinkerhoff with the Bill intitled [An Act to appropriate certain Monies in the Treasury of Queens County for the uses therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. P. Livingston and Mr Clinton with the Bill intitled [An Act to discourage Tortious Entries and Possessions] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Woodhull and Coll. Wells with the Bill intitled [An Act to regulate the Administration of Oaths,] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Billopp and Mr Wilkins with the Bill intitled [An Act to lay an additional duty on Slaves that shall hereafter be imported into this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Gale with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned relative to the bringing in, and spreading Infectious Distempers in this Colony] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Kleeck and Mr Brush with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutchess County, and for extending the same to the Counties of Tryon and Cumberland] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Col Ten Broeck and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways, and to prevent accidents by Fire in the said Town] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second Reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Seaman and Mr Thomas with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brush and Capt Seaman with the Bill intitled [An Act for giving Remedy where Defendants in Courts of Equity neglect to enter their Appearances after being served with a subpœna, and cannot be served with Process of Contempt] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Col. Philips with the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of Bread] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Wells and Mr Rapalje with the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent causes being tryed in Taverns by Justices of the Peace in the County of Cumberland] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Woodhull & Col. Schuyler with the Bill intitled [An Act for making an Allowance to Persons who shall serve as Grand Jurors in and for the County of Cumberland] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time, and
Ordered a second reading.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the twenty fourth day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — [*The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,]

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Witt and Mr Rapalje with the Bill intitled [An Act for enabling the Persons therein named to finish the Court House and Goal in Ulster County, and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas & Col. Woodhull with the Bill intitled [An Act to enable Jesse Hunt to erect and Build a Bridge from Applegate Island to the Public Highway on the Main Land opposite the said Island] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Nicoll with the Bill intitled [An Act to amend the several Acts therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Ten Broeck and Mr Boerum with the Bill intitled [An Act to continue An Act intitled An Act for regulating the practice of Inoculation for the Small Pox in the City of Albany] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill intitled [An Act for removing the Prisoners from the Old Goal in the Precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange, to the New Goal in the said Precinct] was read the Second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to appropriate certain Monies in the Treasury of Queens County for the uses therein mentioned] was read the Second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to discourage Tortious Entries and Possessions] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to regulate the Administration of Oaths] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to lay an Additional Duty on Slaves that shall hereafter be imported into this Colony] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned relative to the bringing in and spreading infectious Distempers in this Colony]. was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutchess County and for extending the same to the Counties of Tryon and Cumberland] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany, living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the streets and Highways and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for giving Remedy where Defendants in Courts of Equity neglect to enter their Appearances after being served with a Subpœna and cannot be served with Process of Contempt] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act intitled An Act to prevent Frauds in the Sale of Bread] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to prevent Causes being tryed in Taverns by Justices of the Peace in the County of Cumberland] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act for making an Allowance to persons who shall serve as Grand Jurors in and for the County of Cumberland] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next, 11 o Clock.

Tuesday, the twenty eight day of February, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill intitled [An Act for enabling the Persons therein named to Finish the Court House and Goal in Ulster County, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to enable Jesse Hunt to erect and Build a Bridge from Applegate Island to the Public Highway on the Main Land Opposite to the said Island] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to amend the several Acts therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill intitled [An Act to Continue An Act intitled An Act for regulating the practice of Inoculation for the Small Pox in the City of Albany] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Brinkerhoff with the Bill intitled [An Act to prevent the Exportation of Unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Wells and Mr De Witt with the Bill intitled [An Act to raise a sum not exceeding nine hundred Pounds in the County of Tryon to compleat the Court House and Goal erected at John's Town in the said County] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Woodhull and Col. Schuyler with the Bill intitled [An Act to alter part of the lines that divide the Counties of Albany, Charlotte and Cumberland] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Ten Broeck and Mr Coe with the Bill intitled [An Act for altering the time of keeping Fairs in the Town of Schenectady] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Col. Philips with the Bill intitled [An Act to confirm a submission to Referees of a Controversy concerning the Bounds of the Patent to Jan Hendrickse Van Bael and for binding the Title of the respective Claimants agreeable to the award of the said Referees] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to Impower the Freeholders of the Towns of Hampstead and Oyster Bay in Queens County to make prudential orders for the better regulating the parting their Sheep feeding upon the Great Plains, and to sell such stray sheep as shall be left at such parting] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Questions being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Questions being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the District of the Manor of Renselaerwyck to elect additional District Officers] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Albany Ulster Orange and Dutchess] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Jauncey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report upon the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned for preventing Damages by Swine in the Manor of Rensselaerwyck] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for the relief of the Poor in the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of West Chester and for other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act for removing the Prisoners from the Old Goal in the Precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange, to the New Goal built in the said Precinct] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to Appropriate Certain Monies in the Treasury of Queens County for the Uses therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to discourage Tortious Entries and Possessions] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Jauncey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was Agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned relative to the bringing in and spreading Infectious Distempers in this Colony] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was Agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutchess County and for extending the same to the Counties of Tryon and Cumberland] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report upon the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town] And after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was Agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Jauncey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to prevent Frauds in the sale of Bread] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Council adjourned till Thursday 11 o Clock.

Thursday, the second day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the False taring of Bread and Flour Casks] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to raise a sum not exceeding nine hundred Pounds in the County of Tryon to Compleat the Court House and Goal erected at John's Town in the said County] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to alter part of the Lines that divide the Counties of Albany Charlotte and Cumberland] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for altering the time of keeping Fairs in the Town of Schenectady] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to Confirm a Submission to Referees of a Controversy concerning the Bounds of the Patent to Jan Hendrickse Van Ball, and for binding the Title of the respective Claimants agreeable to the Award of the said Referees] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the third day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled [An Act for enabling the Persons therein named to finish the Court House and Goal in Ulster County and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill entitled [An Act to enable Jesse Hunt to erect and build a Bridge from Applegate Island to the Public Highway on the main land opposite the said Island] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for regulating the practice of Enoculation for the Small Pox in the City of Albany] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill entitled [An Act to raise a Sum not exceeding nine hundred pounds in the County of Tryon to compleat the Court House and Goal erected at John's Town in the said County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Jauncey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next at 11 O Clock.

Tuesday, the seventh day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esqrs.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Billopp with the Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act for the better and more effectual collecting of Taxes in the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Thomas with the Bill entitled [An Act for annexing the two Tracts of Land therein mentioned to the Township of the New Paltz in Ulster County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Ten Broeck and Mr Billopp with the Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Captn Seaman with the Bill entitled [An Act for the more effectual prevention of Damages by Swine in the Bowry Division of the out Ward of the City of New York] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for altering the time of keeping Fairs in the Town of Schenectady] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Jauncey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to impower the Freeholders of the Towns of Hempstead and Oysterbay in Queens County to make prudential Orders for the better regulating the parting their Sheep feeding on the great Plains, and to sell such stray sheep as shall be left at such time of parting] be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and
On the Question being put,
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to prevent accidents by Fire in that part of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck therein mentioned] was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Jauncey do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without amendment.
Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany] be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck to elect additional District Officers] be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.
Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without amendment.
Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned for preventing Damages by Swine in the Manor of Rensselaerwyck] be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to oblige the Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions to determine Appeals made to them according to the merrits of the Case, notwithstanding Defects of Form in the Original Proceedings; and to oblige Persons suing forth writs of Certiorari to remove Orders made on such Appeals into the Supreme Court of this Colony; to give security to prosecute the same to Effect] was read the third time, and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.
Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without amendment.
Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Albany, Ulster, Orange and Dutchess] be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time, and
On the Question being put,
Resolved, that the said Bill do Pass.
Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of West Chester, and for other purposes therein mentioned] be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put,
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without amendment.
Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to raise a sum not exceeding nine hundred Pounds in the County of Tryon to compleat the Court House and Goal erected at Johns Town in the said County] be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third Time, and
On the Question being put,
Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.
The Speaker left the Chair, and
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to confirm a Submission to Referees of a Controversy concerning the Bounds of the Patent to Jan Hendrickse Van Baal, and for binding the Title of the respective Claimants agreeable to the award of the Referees] and after some time spent therein
The Speaker resumed the Chair, and
Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.
Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.
Then the said Bill was read the third time and
On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorp do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned two Bills without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act for removing the Prisoners from the Old Goal in the Precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange to the New Goal built in the said Precinct] be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to appropriate certain monies in the Treasury of Queens County for the uses therein mentioned] be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Jauncey do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to discourage Tortious Entries and Possessions] be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned relative to the bringing in and spreading Infectious Distempers in this Colony] be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutchess County and for extending the same to the Counties of Tryon and Cumberland] be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to impower the Justices of the Peace of the County of Albany living or dwelling in the Township of Schenectady in the said County to regulate the Streets and Highways and to prevent Accidents by Fire in the said Town] be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act for enabling the Persons therein named to finish the Court House and Goal in Ulster County and other purposes therein mentioned] be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond] be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath Passed the two last mentioned Bills without amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act to prevent Frauds in the Sale of Bread] be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to enable Jesse Hunt to erect and Build a Bridge from Applegate Island to the Public Highway on the Main Land opposite the said Island] be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill entitled [An Act to continue an Act entitled An Act for regulating the practice of Enoculation for the small Pox in the City of Albany] be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The House being informed that Thomas Wood with several other Persons attended without, the said Thomas Wood was called in and presented to the House a Petition from himself and a number of other Persons praying for the reasons therein set forth that the Bill now before this House entitled [An Act to regulate the administration of Oaths] may pass this House.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o Clock.

Wednesday, the eight day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
HENRY HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Esquires.

[The Speaker assumed the Chair.]

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Ten Eyck with the entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act for the more effectual punishment of Persons who shall be Guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the Cities of New York and Albany and the Township of Schenectady] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a Second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicol and Col. Wells with the Bill entitled [An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act for emitting the sum of One hundred and Twenty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan and to Appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony and to such Public Exigencies as the Circumstances of this Colony may from Time to Time render necessary; so far only as it relates to the County of Suffolk] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a Second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr De Witt with the Bill entitled [An Act to alter the Place of Election for Representatives, and the Place of meeting of the Supervisors, Judges and Loan Officers on the South Side of the Mountains in the County of Orange] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to revive an Act entitled An Act for the better and more effectual collecting of Taxes in the City of New York] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the more effectual prevention of Damages by Swine in the Bowry Division of the Out Ward of the City of New York] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to amend the several Acts therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent causes being tried in Taverns in the County of Cumberland] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and being agreed to the report was approved of, and the amendments

Ordered to be engrosed, and being engrosed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do return the Bill with the Amendments to the General Assembly, and acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill with the said Amendments to which they desire their concurrence.

The Bill entitled [An Act for altering the time of keeping Fairs in the Town of Schenectady] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill, and the Bill entitled [An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for regulating the Practice of Inoculation for the Small Pox in the City of Albany] without amendment.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the ninth day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER, Esqrs.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act for annexing the two Tracts of Land therein mentioned to the Township of the New Paltz in Ulster County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons who shall be Guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the Cities of New York and Albany, and Township of Schenectady] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to Amend An Act entitled An Act for emitting the sum of One hundred and twenty thousand pounds in Bills of Credit to be paid out on Loan, and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony, and to such public exigencies as the circumstances of this Colony may from time to time render necessary, so far only as it relates to the County of Suffolk] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to alter the place of Election for Representatives, and the place of meeting of the Supervisors, Judges and Loan Officers on the south side of the Mountains in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Mr Brinckerhoff with the Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled, An Act to prevent the Defaults of Grand and Petit Jurors, Constables and other Persons] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman and Mr Van Kleeck with the Bill entitled [An Act to oblige the Collectors of the Counties of Dutchess and Ulster more effectually to collect and lay the annual rates of the said Counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brush and Mr Jauncey with the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Causes being tried in Taverns by Justices of the Peace in the County of Cumberland] with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, acquainting this House that the General Assembly cannot agree to the Amendments made by this House.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the tenth day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled, An Act to prevents Defaults of Grand and Petit Jurors, Constables and other persons] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to oblige the Collectors of the Counties of Dutchess and Ulster more effectually to collect and pay the annual rates of the said Counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Witt and Mr Van Kleek with the Bill entitled [An Act to guard against destructive Fires, and to provide for a Night Watch in the Town of Kingston in Ulster County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Boerum with the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale which shall be made and executed in the Counties therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires, and for regulating the Buildings in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorp from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act for the better and more effectual collecting of Taxes in the City of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorp from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to alter part of the Lines that divide the Counties of Albany, Charlotte and Cumberland] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to alter the Place of Election for Representatives, and the place of meeting of the Supervisors, Judges and Loan Officers on the south side of the mountains in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons who shall be Guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the Cities of New York and Albany, and the Township of Schenectady] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorp from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till Monday next at 11 o clock.

Monday, the thirteenth day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires,

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale which shall be made and executed in the Counties therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to guard against destructive Fires, and to provide for a Night Watch in the Town of Kingston in Ulster County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for annexing the two Tracts of Land therein mentioned to the Township of the New Paltz in Ulster County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled, An Act to prevent the Defaults of Grand and Petit Jurors, Constables and other Persons] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to revive and amend the two Acts therein mentioned respecting Pot and Pearl Ashes] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorp from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same were again read, and being agreed to, the report was approved of, and the Amendments

Ordered to be engrosed, and being engrosed,

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act to revive and amend the two Acts therein mentioned respecting Pot and Pearl Ashes] was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do return the said Bill with the amendments to the General Assembly, and acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill with the said Amendments to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Ten Broeck and Mr Ten Eyck with the Bill entitled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair the Public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany, and County of Tryon] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Van Kleeck with the Bill entitled [An Act to raise the sum of one hundred and twenty Pounds on the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City and County of Albany for the purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Ten Broeck and Mr De Witt with the Bill entitled [An Act to oblige the Collectors of the different districts in the County of Albany to deliver in their accounts upon Oath to the County Treasurer] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Seaman and Capt Seaman with the Bill entitled [An Act for the more convenient proving of Deeds and Mortgages] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr De Witt with the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate Waggons within the Township of Schenectady and the Precincts of Orange Town and Haverstraw in the County of Orange] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Mr Nicoll with the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Billopp with the Bill entitled [An Act for relief against absconding and absent Debtors] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Mr Brinckerhoff with the Bill entitled [An Act more effectually to prevent the Base Practice of Gaming in Taverns in the Counties therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the fifteenth day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intitled [An Act to regulate the administration of Oaths] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made an Amendment thereto which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same was again read, and being agreed to, the report was approved of, and the Amendments

Ordered to be engrossed, and being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do return the Bill, with Amendments to the General Assembly, and acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill with the Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Col Wells with the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Ulster, and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act for emitting the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on Loan, and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony, and to such public exigencies as the circumstances of this Colony may from time to time render necessary] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Jauncey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair the Public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany and County of Tryon] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to raise the sum of One hundred and twenty Pounds on the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City and County of Albany for the purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to oblige the Collectors of the different districts in the County of Albany to deliver in their accounts upon Oath to the County Treasurer] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the more convenient proving of Deeds and Mortgages] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to regulate Waggons within the Township of Schenectady, and the Precincts of Orange Town and Haverstraw in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for relief against Absconding and absent Debtors] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act more effectually to prevent the base practice of Gaming in Taverns in the Counties therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council hath passed the Bill entitled [An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned as they relate to the Counties of Queens and Suffolk] and

The Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence with an Addition thereto] without Amendment.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council hath passed the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the Pilots and establish their Pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other purposes therein mentioned] and

The Bill entitled [An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires, and for regulating of Buildings in the City of New York] without any Amendment.

Ordered, that Mr Jauncey do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council hath passed the Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act for the better and more effectual collection of Taxes in the City of New York] and

The Bill entitled [An Act to alter part of the lines that divide the Counties of Albany, Charlotte and Cumberland] without any Amendment.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council hath passed the Bill entitled [An Act to alter the place of election for Representatives and the place of meeting of the Supervisors, Judges and Town Officers on the South Side of the Mountains in the County of Orange] and

The Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the Cities of New York and Albany and Township of Schenectady] without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brush and Mr Jauncey with the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate the Administration of Oaths] with the Amendments made thereto by the Council acquainting this House that the General Assembly do agree to the said Amendments, and desire the said Bill may be amended accordingly.

Which amendment is as follows vizt

Strike out the Title and instead thereof insert the following Title

An Act for an indulgence to Persons of Scrupulous Consciences in the manner of administring Oaths.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the sixteenth day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Ulster, and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Coe and Mr De Lancey with the Bill entitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Phillips and Mr Boerum with the Bill entitled [An Act to appoint repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] desiring the Concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale, which shall be made and executed in the Counties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for giving remedy where Defendants in Courts of Equity neglect to enter their appearances after being served with a Subpœna and cannot be served with a Process of Contempt] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Clinton and Col. Ten Broeck acquainting this House that the General Assembly desire to be informed what Progress this House hath made in the Bill entitled [An Act to amend the several Acts therein mentioned.]

The Bill entitled [An Act to amend the several Acts therein mentioned] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly in answer to their Message desiring to be informed what Progress this House hath made in the Bill entitled [An Act to amend the several Acts therein mentioned] that this House hath rejected the said Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for making an allowance to persons who shall serve as Grand Jurors in and for the County of Cumberland] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had directed him to report that the said Bill should be rejected.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to lay an additional duty on Slaves that shall hereafter be imported into this Colony] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report that the said Bill be rejected.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to oblige the Collectors of the Counties of Dutchess and Ulster more effectually to collect and pay the annuel rates of the said Counties and for other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to guard against Destructive Fires, and to provide for a night watch in the Town of Kingston in Ulster county] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Jauncey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to raise the sum of one hundred & twenty pounds on the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City and County of Albany, for the purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act more effectually to prevent the base practice of Gaming in Taverns in the Counties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report that the said Bill be rejected.

Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to oblige the Collectors of the different districts of the County of Albany to deliver in their accounts upon Oath to the County Treasurer] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the more convenient proving of Deeds and Mortgages] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till to Morrow Morning 11 o Clock.

Friday, the seventeenth day of March, 1775.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* JOHN WATTS, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to appoint repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council hath passed the Bill entitled [An Act for giving remedy where Defendants in Courts of Equity neglect to enter their appearances after being served with a Subpœna, and cannot be served with Process of Contempt] and the Bill entitled [An Act for annexing the two Tracts of Land therein mentioned to the Township of the New Paltz in Ulster County] without Amendment.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council hath passed the Bill entitled [An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act for emitting the sum of One hundred and twenty thousand pounds in Bills of Credit to be paid out on loan, and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony, and to such public exigencies as the circumstances of this Colony may from time to time render necessary so far only as it relates to the County of Suffolk] and the Bill entitled [An Act to revive An Act entitled, An Act to prevent the Defaults of Grand and Petit Jurors, Constables and other persons] without Amendment.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly that the Council hath passed the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale which shall be made and executed in the Counties therein mentioned] and the Bill entitled [An Act for the more convenient proving of Deeds and Mortgages] without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair the Public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany and County of Tryon] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made some amendments thereto which he read in his place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same were again read and being agreed to, the Report was approved of and the amendments

Ordered to be engrosed, and being engrosed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do return the said Bill with the Amendments to the General Assembly, and acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill with the Amendments, and desire their concurrence thereto.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate Waggons within the Township of Schenectady and the Precincts of Orange Town and Haverstraw in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made an amendment thereto which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table where the same were again read and being agreed to, the report was approved of and the Amendment

Ordered to be engrosed and being engrosed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the twenty first day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Wednesday, the twenty second day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.
The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Thursday, the twenty third day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.
The Bill entitled [An Act to regulate Waggons within the Township of Schenectady, and the Precincts of Orange Town and Haverstraw in the County of Orange] amended was read the third time. and
On the Question being put
Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.
Ordered, that Mr Apthorp do return the said Bill with the amendments to the General Assembly and acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill with the said Amendments and desire their concurrence thereto.
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Brush with the Bill entitled [An Act for the better laying out, regulating and keeping in repair the Public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany and County of Tryon] with the amendments made thereto by the Council acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said Amendments and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly, which Amendments are as follows, vizt
Page 6 Line 8. Between the words *Recover* and *by* insert
"Twenty days after Notice of the sum due and demand thereof, and neglect to pay the same"
At the end of the same clause, add
"Provided always that no Proprietor or Tenant of Lands be subjected in pursuance of this "Act to the payment of any greater annuel rate or assessment than the sum of five pounds"
A Message from the General Assembly by Col. Woodhull and Capt De Lancey with the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate Waggons within the Township of Schenectady and the Precincts of Orange Town and Haverstraw] with the Amendment made by the Council, acquainting this House that the General Assembly hath agreed to the said Amendment, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly, which Amendment is as follows, vizt
At the end of Bill, add "But nothing in this Act shall be construed to relate to any Coach, "Chariot, Chair or other Carriage used for pleasure and not for Burdens"
A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Boerum and Mr Van Kleeck with the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Damages by Fox hunting in Kings County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.
Ordered, that the said Bill be read.
Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Van Cortlandt and Col Schuyler with the Bill entitled [An Act to make Perpetual the sixth section of An Act entitled, An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Brinckerhoff and Mr Thomas with the Bill entitled [An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act to enable any one of the Coroners for the different Counties within this Colony to make return to process] desiring the concurrence of the council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Mr Wilkins with the Bill entitled [An Act to confirm the Proceedings of the Commissioners heretofore appointed by a Law of this Colony to settle the Line or Lines of Division between the City of New York and the Township of Harlem and for establishing the Boundary between the said City and Township] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Mr Boerum with the Bill entitled [An Act for making two Bridges in the Precincts of Goshen and Cornwall in the County of Orange] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Col Woodhull with the Bill entitled [An Act to enable the Persons therein named to build a Draw Bridge over the Narrows from Minifords Island to Rodman's Neck] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Coe and Mr Kissam with the Bill entitled [An Act for raising the further sum of two hundred pounds for effectually lowring a Pond commonly called Wickham's Pond in the Precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Capt Seaman and Mr Nicol with the Bill entitled [An Act to raise the further sum of five hundred pounds for draining the Drowned Lands in the Precinct of Goshen in Orange County] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Clinton with the Bill entitled [An Act for Naturalizing the Persons therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had made some Amendments thereto which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the same were again read, and being agreed to, the report was approved of, and the Amendments

Ordered to be engrosed.

Mr De Lancey Dissents from the amendments.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Smith declared his dissent to the passing of this Bill.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for relief against Absconding and absent Debtors] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made an Amendment thereto which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill and Amendment in at the Table, where the same were again read and being agreed to, the report was approved of, and the Amendment

Ordered to be engrosed.

The Council adjourned till 11 o clock to morrow morning.

Friday, the twenty fourth day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr De Lancey and Mr Nicoll with the Bill entitled [An Act for the General Quiet of his Majesty's Subjects in this Colony against all Pretences of Concealment whatsoever] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Van Kleeck with the Bill entitled [An Act for admitting in Evidence an Ancient Record of the Town Clerk for the City and County of New York of an Indenture of release from Jacobus Kip and Henrica his Wife to Samuel Ver Plank and others, and the several Indorsments thereon for certain Lands therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Damages by Fox Hunting in Kings County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to make perpetual the Sixth Section of An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majestys Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act to enable any one of the Coroners for the different Counties within this Colony to make return to process] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to confirm the Proceedings of the Commissioners heretofore appointed by a Law of this Colony to settle the line or lines of Division between the City of

New York and the Township of Harlem, and for establishing the Boundary between the said City and Township] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for making two Bridges in the Precincts of Goshen and Cornwall in the County of Orange] was read the second time, and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to enable the persons therein named to build a free Draw Bridge over the Narrows from Minifords Island to Rodmans Neck] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for raising the further sum of two hundred pounds for effectually lowering a Pond commonly called Wickhams Pond in the precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act to raise the further sum of five hundred pounds for draining the Drowned Lands in the Precinct of Goshen in Orange County] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for Naturalizing the several Persons therein named] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Ulster and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to appoint Repackers of Beef and Pork in the several Counties therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report that the Bill be rejected.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to enable the persons therein named to build a free Draw Bridge over the Narrows from Minifords Island to Rodmans Neck] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for making two Bridges in the Precincts of Goshen and Cornwall in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Damages by Fox Hunting in Kings County] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report that the Bill be rejected.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Resolved, that the Bill be rejected accordingly.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to raise the further sum of five hundred pounds for draining the Drowned Lands in the Precinct of Goshen in Orange County] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for raising the further sum of Two hundred pounds for effectually lowering a pond commonly called Wickhams Pond in the Precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his Place Reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Mr Smith delivered in his reasons for dissenting to the Bill entitled [An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany.]

Dissentient — *Wm Smith.*

First, Because the Bill appears to me unjust. The Manor of Renselaerwyck acquired the Right of sending a Member to the General Assembly by Royal Patent in 1685. The Bourough of Schenectady and the Manor of Livingston in 1715. The Assembly afterwards received their Members, and the Legislature by divers Acts providing for the payment of their Wages and other Purposes have recognized the Rights they have so long exercised. By the General Election Law, passed in 1699 and 1701 all the Freeholders of a County, qualified as therein mentioned, without the exclusion of any Manor or District, have voices for the County Members. But this Bill if it passes into a Law, will turn the Grace of the Crown into an Injury, since the Privilege of chusing two Representatives must [be] greater than that of electing onely one; especially such a large District as the Manor of Renselaerwyck, which comprehends more Land, than all Long Island and Staten Island taken together; and yet these form four Counties, two of which, Richmond and Kings, do not contain half the number of Freeholders in Renselaerwyck alone, nor above one third more than there are in the Manor of Livingston, and fewer than those in the Manor of Cortlandt.

Secondly, Because the Bill appears to me to be partial by not including the County of West Chester, where the Borough of West Chester enjoys the Privilege of sending a Member by Patent granted in 1696, and the Manor of Cortlandt by a similar Grant of the Crown in 1697, in which sentiment I am confirmed on recollecting that a Bill for the like purpose was upon this account rejected by the Earl of Dunmore in February 1771 That the attempt was renewed by another Bill in March 1772.

That the Council then sent down Amendments to free it from that objection by extending it to West Chester That the lower House concurred in our Amendments, tho' the Bill even after it was so amended, did not pass, Governor Tryon refusing his Assent in conformity with a Royal Instruction respecting Bills affecting elections, of which he then produced a Copy in Council.

Thirdly, Because if there were any reasons of Policy, to overballance the objections to the Bill, founded on its Injustice and Partiality, and the Propriety of maintaining a steadiness in our Councils, the most reasonable Provision for reducing the antient Privileges of the Freeholders of these Towns and Manors under the Royal Patents and Acts of the Colony, would have been the allowing them a choice, either of voting in their own Districts for a single member, or of joining their Voices with the other Freeholders at large, for the county representatives.

Lastly, Because a Bill of so extraordinary a nature, touching Rights of essential Importance to some thousands of his Majesty's Subjects, originally conferred by the Crown, assented to by Assemblies, recognized by the Legislature, long injoyed and guarded by special Instruction, ought not to pass, without a suspending Clause, till his Majesty's Pleasure is known, for reasons similar to those, upon which that other Instruction is founded, which most benevolently secures private Property from being injured by any Act of the Provincial Legislature, without giving the Party affected by it an opportunity of carrying his Complaint to the Throne.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday next 11 o clock.

Tuesday, the twenty eight day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to Adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act to raise the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds on the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the City and County of Albany for the purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled, An Act to guard against destructive fires, and to provide for a Night Watch in the Town of Kingston in Ulster County] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act to oblige the Collectors of the different Districts in the County of Albany to deliver in their Accounts upon Oath to the County Treasurer] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act to oblige the Collectors of the Counties of Dutchess and Ulster more effectually to collect and pay the Annuel rates of the said Counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act for admitting in Evidence an Ancient Record of the Office of the Town Clerk for the City and County of New York of an Indenture of release from Jacobus Kip and Henrica his wife to Samuel Verplank and others, and the several Indorsments thereon for certain Lands therein mentioned] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Apthorp from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time, and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the General Quiet of his Majestys Subjects in this Colony against all Pretences of Concealment whatsoever] was read the second time and

Ordered to be committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill, and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Honble do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills, without any Amendment.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorp do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the Bill entitled [An Act for regulate the Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany] and the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent damages by Swine in the County of Ulster and other purposes therein mentioned] without any amendment.

Ordered, that Mr Jauncey do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the Bill entitled [An Act for making two Bridges in the Precincts of Goshen and Cornwall in the County of Orange] and also the Bill entitled [An Act to enable the persons therein named to build a free Draw Bridge over the Narrows from Minifords Island to Rodmans Neck] without any amendment.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the Bill entitled [An Act to raise the further sum of five hundred pounds for draining the Drowned Lands in the Precinct of Goshen in Orange County] and the Bill entitled [An Act for raising the further sum of two hundred Pounds for effectually lowering a Pond commonly called Wickhams Pond in the precinct of Goshen in the county of Orange]

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the Bill entitled [An Act to guard against destructive Fires, and to provide for a Night Watch in the Town of Kingston in Ulster County] and the Bill entitled [An Act to raise the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds on the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City and County of Albany for the purposes therein mentioned] without any amendment.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the Bill entitled [An Act to oblige the Collectors of the different districts in the County of Albany to deliver in their accounts upon Oath to the County Treasurer] and the Bill entitled [An Act to oblige the Collectors of Dutchess and Ulster more effectually to collect and pay the annuel rates of the said Counties and for other purposes therein mentioned] without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Jauncey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Col Schuyler with the Bill entitled [An Act to revive and amend the two Acts therein mentioned respecting Pot and Pearl Ashes] and the amendments made thereto by the Council acquainting this House that the General Assembly cannot agree to the said Amendments and therefore desire a Conferrence upon the subject matter thereof and that this House will appoint a Committee and a time and place to meet a Committee of the General Assembly for that purpose.

Ordered, that Mr Morris do acquaint the General Assembly in answer to the said Message that this House hath agreed to the proposed conferrence upon the said Bill, and hath appointed the Honble Hugh Wallace and the Honble Henry White Esquires to be a Committee from this House to meet a Committee from the General Assembly to morrow morning at 10 o clock in the Court room for that purpose.

The Council adjourned till 11 o clock to morrow morning.

Wednesday, the twenty ninth day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* OLIVER DE LANCEY, Esquire, Speaker,

CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esq^{rs}.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Amendments made to the Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] being engrossed.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do return the said Bill to the General Assembly with the Amendments and acquaint the Genl Assembly, that this House hath passed the said Bill with the said Amendments and desire their concurrence to the same.

The Amendments made to the Bill entitled [An Act for relief against absconding and Absent Debtors] being engrossed.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Jauncey do return to the Genl Assembly the said Bill and Amendments and acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill with the said Amendments and desire their concurrence to the same.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Capt Seaman with the Bill entitled [An Act to appoint Commissioners to purchase the Wood standing upon the Point of Bahanna's Island opposite Hellgate] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Gale with the Bill entitled [An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to confirm the Proceedings of the Commissioners heretofore appointed by a Law of this Colony to settle the Line or Lines of Division between the City of New York and the Township of Harlem, and for establishing the Boundary between the said City and Township] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Smith do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill and the Bill entitled [An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange] without any Amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to make perpetual the sixth Section of An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual collecting of his Majesty's Quit Rents in the Colony of New York, and for Partition of Lands in order thereto] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Axtell from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for Naturalizing the several persons therein named] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Wallace from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Thomas and Mr Kissam with the Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] and the amendments made by this House acquainting this House that the Genl Assembly have agreed to the two last amendments but cannot agree to the first.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act to enable any one of the Coroners for the different Counties within this Colony to make return to process] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr White from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report that the Bill be rejected.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Resolved, that the said Bill be rejected accordingly.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Nicoll and Mr Billopp with the Bill entitled [An Act for relief against absconding and absent Debtors] and the amendments made by this House; acquainting this House that the General Assembly hath agreed to the said amendments and desired the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Which amendment is as follows

Page 6. Strike out the second clause beginning in the eighteenth and ending in the 23 Line.

The Council adjourned till 11 o'clock to morrow morning.

Wednesday, the thirtieth day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

A Message from the General Assembly by Col Wells and Col Philips with the Bill entitled [An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time, and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Ten Eyck and Mr Coe with the Bill entitled [An Act for erecting the Tract of Land therein mentioned in the County of Tryon, into one separate District by the name of Old England District] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Wilkins and Mr Billop with the Bill entitled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] desiring the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read.

Then the said Bill was read the first time and

Ordered a second reading.

The House taking into consideration the Message from the General Assembly on the 29th Instant acquainting this House that they have agreed to the two last Amendments made by this House to the Bill entitled [An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York] but do not agree to the first Amendment.

The said Amendment was again read, and

The Question being put

Whether this House will recede from the said first amendment?

It passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, therefore that this House doth recede from the said first Amendment and that the Bill do pass with the two last amendments.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath receeded from their first Amendment and hath passed the said Bill with the two last Amendments.

Which Amendments are as follows

Page 6. Line 30. Strike out the words "or District."

Page 7, Line 16, between the words "County" & "and" insert *or such part thereof as he shall think necessary.*

The Bill entitled [An Act to appoint Commissioners to purchase the wood standing upon the point of Bahanna's Island opposite Hell Gate] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony] was read the second time and

Ordered to be Committed.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to erect the East Camp in the district of the Manor of Livingston in the County of Albany into a Seperate District and for other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Smith from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the same were again read and being agreed to the report was approved of and the Amendments

Ordered to be engrossed, and being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put,

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do return the said Bill and the Amendments to the General Assembly and acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill with the said Amendments and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr Wallace from the Committee appointed by order of the 28th Instant to confer with a Committee of the General Assembly upon the Subject matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill entitled [An Act to revive and amend the two Acts therein mentioned

respecting Pot & Pearl Ashes] reported that the Committee had met a Committee of the General Assembly accordingly, and had agreed to several Amendments as proper to be adopted instead of those made by this House Which Amendments he read in his place and then delivered in at the Table where the same were again read and being agreed to the Report was approved of, and the Amendments

Ordered to be engrossed.

The Council adjourned till 11 o clock to morrow morning.

Friday, the thirty first day of March, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT—*The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esqr, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
WILLIAM SMITH,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The amendments made to the Bill entitled [An Act to revive and amend the two Acts therein mentioned respecting Pot and Pearl Ashes] being engrossed.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read as amended.

Then the said Bill was read again as amended, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Wallace do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath receded from their first Amendment, and hath passed the said Bill with new amendments.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Kissam and Col Schuyler with the Bill entitled [An Act to erect the East Camp in the District of the Manor of Livingston in the County of Albany into a seperate District, and for other purposes therein mentioned] and the amendments made to the Bill by this House, acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the said amendments, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Which amendments are as follows

In the Title. Strike out the words, for other purposes therein mentioned and insert *to alter the District of Saraghtoga, and erect a new District by the name of Balls Town.*

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Walton and Col Woodhull with the Bill entitled [An Act to revive and amend the two Acts therein mentioned, respecting Pot and Pearl Ashes" and the amendments made by this House, acquainting this House that the Genl Assembly hath agreed to the said Amendments, and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Which amendments are as follows

After the second Clause, add the following words. Provided always and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if a Vacancy shall happen in the Office of Inspector for the City and County of New York, the same shall and may be supplied in the manner directed by the Act last above mentioned on a Vacancy in the said Office by the death or misbehaviour of Abraham De La Montagnie, and that every such Vacancy in the Office of Inspector for the City and County of Albany may be supplied by an appointment to be made by the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, or the major part of them, and that the Inspector for the said City and County of Albany, for the time being, shall brand each Cask so by him Inspected with the words $\frac{\text{Albany}}{\text{New York}}$ beneath his own name, and before he proceeds to execute his said Office shall take an Oath well and faithfully to perform the Duties required as well by this Act as by the Acts hereby revived."

Strike out part of the fourth Clause, begining in the last line of the 1st Page after the word *Albany* and insert the following. "The proprietor or proprietors of the same his or their Agent or Factor shall produce to the Inspector of Pot Ashes or Pearl Ashes for the time being in the City of New York, an Invoice of such Pot Ashes or Pearl Ashes, specifying the numbers and marks of the Casks containing the same, signed by the Inspector together with an affidavit written on the back thereof, and sworn to by the proprietor or proprietors, that the Pot ashes or Pearl Ashes mentioned in such Invoice are Bona Fide his or their own property, and intended to be shipped on his or their own accounts to some port out of this Colony. And that he or

they will not directly or indirectly sell the same within this Colony, nor order any person to sell the same without first giving notice thereof to the Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes of the port of New York for the time being, any thing in the said Act or any clause hereof to the contrary notwithstanding."

Strike out the last clause in the Bill, and add the following clause to the Bill

"And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Inspectors and each of them shall have full power and authority by virtue of this Act, and without any further or other warrant to enter on board any Vessel whatsoever in the Harbours of the Cities of New York and Albany to search for and make discovery of any Pot Ashes or Pearl Ashes shipped or shipping on Board any such Vessel for exportation immediately from thence out of this Colony, and if the said Inspectors or any or either of them shall on such search discover any Cask or Casks of Pot Ashes or Pearl Ashes not branded as before directed the Person or Persons so shipping the same shall forfeit all and every such cask or casks of Pot Ashes and Pearl Ashes so shipping and not branded in the manner before directed, and the master or Commander of such Vessels who shall knowingly receive any such Cask or Casks of Pot Ashes and Pearl Ashes not branded as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay for each Cask so received on board his Vessel the sum of forty shillings, and if any person shall obstruct or hinder the said Inspectors or any or either of them in making such search as aforesaid, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds.

The House taking into consideration the Message from the General Assembly of the 9th Instant acquainting the House that the General Assembly do not agreed to their amendments made by this House to the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent Causes being tried in Taverns by Justices of the Peace in the County of Cumberland] the said amendments were again read.

The Question was put

Whether this House will recede from their said amendments.

Resolved, that this House do recede from their said amendments, and that the said Bill do pass without amendment.

Ordered, that Mr De Lancey do acquaint the Genl Assembly that this House hath receded from their amendment made to the said Bill, and hath passed the same without any amendment.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false Taring of Bread and flour Casks] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Cruger from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments thereto which he read in his place, and then delivered the Bill and the amendments in at the Table were the same were again read and being agreed to, the report was approved of, and the amendments

Ordered to be engrossed, and being engrossed

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time as amended.

Then the said Bill was read the third time as amended and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill as amended do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Jauncey do return the Bill with the amendments to the General Assembly, and acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill with the said Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for erecting the Tract of Land therein mentioned in the County of Tryon into one seperate District by the name of Old England District] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Jauncey from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Morris from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons] and after some time spent therein,

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr De Lancey from the Committee of the whole House in his Place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put, was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

The Speaker left the Chair, and

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill entitled [An Act to appoint Commissioners to purchase the Wood standing upon the Point of Bahannas Island opposite Hell Gate] and after some time spent therein

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and

Mr Watts from the Committee of the whole House in his place reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Which Report on the Question being put was agreed to and approved of.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time.

Then the said Bill was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning 11 o clock.

Saturday, the first day of April, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

JOHN WATTS,
OLIVER DE LANCEY,
CHARLES WARD APTHORP,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Bill entitled [An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with respect to the Imprisonment of their persons] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Cruger do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the said Bill and the Bill entitled [An Act to appoint Commissioners to purchase the wood standing upon the point of Bahanna's Island opposite Hell Gate] and also the Bill entitled [An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony] without any Amendment.

The Bill entitled [An Act for erecting the Tract of Land therein mentioned in the County of Tryon into one seperate District by the name of Old England District] was read the third time and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that she said Bill do pass

The Bill entitled [An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the several Officers of this Colony and other purposes therein mentioned] was read the third time, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that Mr Axtell do acquaint the General Assembly that this House hath passed the two last mentioned Bills without any Amendment.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Gale and Col Philips with the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false Taring of Bread and flour casks] and the amendments made by this House, acquainting this House that the General Assembly have agreed to the first amendment, but do not agree to the other amendments, and therefore desire a conferrence upon the subject matter of the said Bill and amendments, and that this House will appoint a Committee of this House and a time and place to meet a Committee of the General Assembly for that purpose.

Ordered, that Mr White do acquaint the General Assembly in answer to their Message that this House hath agreed to the proposed conferrence, and hath appointed the Honble John Watts and the Honble Hugh Wallace Esqrs to be a Committee of the General Assembly for that purpose, and that they do meet immediately in the court room

Mr Watts from the above Committee reported that the Committee had met a Committee of the General Assembly, and had heard their reasons against the said amendments which he also reported

Whereupon the said amendments were again read, and

On the Question being put

Resolved, that this House do adhere to their first amendments, but do recede from their two last amendments.

Ordered, that Mr Apthorp do acquaint the Genl Assembly that this House hath receded from their two last amendments, but do adhere to their other amendments.

A Message from the General Assembly by Mr Jauncey and Mr Wilkins with the Bill entitled [An Act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable Flour and the false Taring of Bread and flour casks" and the last amendments made thereto by this House, acquainting this House that the General Assembly have passed the said Bill with the said last amendments and desire the Bill may be amended accordingly.

Which amendments are as follows.

Page 5 line 8 Strike out the words "Henry Bogert"

Page 5 line 19 Strike out the words, Jacobus Bleeker, and on like occasions another in his stead, or instead of the others in this act named that may be so in default or dead, to appoint, and the said Jacobus Bleeker or" and in place thereof insert *another fit person in his stead and*

Page 6 line 3 Instead of "Persons" insert Person, and instead of "Inspectors" insert Inspector.

Page 6 line 5 Strike out the words "them their" and insert the words *him his*

Page 6 line 8 Strike out the words "from any Port or Place in this Colony" and insert the words, *directly out of this Colony from the place where the same was Inspected.*

Strike out the Proviso at the end of the same clause.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber. The General Assembly attending accordingly his Honor was pleased in presence of both Houses to give his assent to thirty one Bills passed by the two Houses. The Titles whereof are as follows.

An Act for the payment of the Salaries of the Several officers of the Colony and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for the better regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York.

An Act to regulate the Pilots and establish their pilotage between Sandy Hook and the Port of New York, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires and for regulating the buildings in the City of New York.

An Act to discourage Tortious Entries and Possessions.

An Act to raise a sum not exceeding nine hundred pounds in the County of Tryon to compleat the Court House and Goal erected at John's Town in the said County.

An Act for removing the prisoners from the old Goal in the precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange to the new Goal built in the said Precinct.

An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned relative to the bringing in and spreading Infectious Distempers in this Colony.

An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act to oblige the Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions to determine Appeals made to them according to the merrits of the Case notwithstanding defects of Form in the original Proceedings, and to oblige Persons suing forth Writts of Certiorari to remove Orders made on such Appeals into the Supreme Court of this Colony, to give security to prosecute the same to effect.

An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act to prevent Frauds in the Sale of Bread.

An Act for giving remedy where Defendants in Courts of Equity neglect to enter their appearances after being served with a Subpœna and cannot be served with process of Contempt.

An Act to prevent causes being tried in Taverns by Justices of the peace in the County of Cumberland.

An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act to restrain Hawkers and Pedlars within this Colony from selling without Licence with an Addition thereto.

An Act to alter part of the lines that divide the Counties of Albany Charlottee and Cumberland.

An Act for an Indulgence to persons of scrupulous Consciences in the manner of administring Oaths.

An Act for altering the time of keeping Fairs in the Town of Schenectady.

An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the City of Albany.

An Act to revive An Act entitled [An Act for the better and more effectual Collecting of Taxes in the City of New York.

An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act to impower the Freeholders of the Towns of Hampstead and Oyster Bay in Queens County to make prudential Orders for the better regulating the parting their Sheep feeding on the Great Plains, and to sell such stray Sheep as shall be left at such time of parting.

An Act to revive the several Acts therein mentioned as they relate to the Counties of Queens and Suffolk.

An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act for the relief of the poor in the Manor of Cortlandt in the County of West Chester" and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to revive the two Acts therein mentioned for preventing Damages by Swine in the Manor of Rensselarwyck.

An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act to raise a fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the County of Richmond.

An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in Dutchess County" and for extending the same to the Counties of Tryon and Cumberland.

An Act for annexing the two Tracts of Land therein mentioned to the Township of the New Paltz in Ulster County.

An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Panthers in the Counties of Albany, Ulster, Orange and Dutchess.

An Act to confirm a Submission to referees of a controversy concerning the Bounds of the Patent of Jan Hendrickse Van Baal and for binding the Title of the respective Claimants agreeable to the award of the said referees.

An Act to appropriate certain monies in the Treasury of Queens County for the uses therein mentioned.

An Act to continue An Act entitled An Act for regulating the practice of Inoculation for the Small Pox in the City of Albany.

An Act to erect the East Camp in the District of the Manor of Livingston in the County of Albany into a seperate District, and to alter the District of Saraghtoga and erect a new District by the name of Balls Town.

An Act for enabling the Persons therein mentioned to finish the Court House and Goal in Ulster County and other purposes therein mentioned.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor then left the Council Chamber, and the General Assembly returned to the Assembly Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Council adjourned till Monday Morning 11 o'clock.

Monday, the third day of April, 1775.

The Council met according to adjournment.

PRESENT — *The Honorable* DANIEL HORSMANDEN, Esquire, Speaker,

OLIVER DE LANCEY,
ROGER MORRIS,
HUGH WALLACE,
HENRY WHITE,
WILLIAM AXTELL,
JOHN HARRIS CRUGER,
JAMES JAUNCEY, Junr, Esquires.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Honorable Cadwallader Colden Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the province of New York, being come to the Council Chamber sent a Message by the Deputy Secretary to the General Assembly requiring their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

The General Assembly attending accordingly His Honor was pleased in presence of both Houses to give his Assent to thirty two Bills passed by the two Houses the Titles whereof as follows

An Act for the General Quiet of his Majesty's Subjects in this Colony against all pretences of concealment whatsoever.

An Act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false Taring of Bread and flour Casks.

An Act to revive and amend the two Acts therein mentioned respecting Pot and Pearl Ashes.

An Act for the more convenient proving of Deeds and Mortgages.

An Act to appoint Commissioners to purchase the Wood standing upon the point of Bahanna's Island opposite Hell Gate.

An Act for relief against Absconding and absent Debtors.

An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors within this Colony.

An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act to prevent the Defaults of Grand.and Petit Jurors Constables and other Persons.

An Act to confirm the proceedings of the Commissioners heretofore appointed by a Law of this Colony to settle the Line or Lines of division between the City of New York and the Township of Harlem and for establishing the Boundary Line between the said City & Township.

An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Persons who shall be guilty of any of the Trespasses therein mentioned in the Cities of New York and Albany and Township of Schenectady.

An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City and County of Albany.

An Act to oblige the Collectors of the Counties of Dutchess and Ulster more effectually to collect and pay the annual rates of the said Counties and for other purposes therein mentioned

An Act for raising the further sum of two hundred pounds for effectually lowering a Pond commonly called Wickhams Pond in the precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange.

An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act for emitting the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand pounds in Bills of Credit to be put out on loan, and to appropriate the Interest arising thereon to the payment of the Debts of this Colony, and to such public exigences as the circumstances of this Colony may from time to time render necessary, so far only as it relates to the County of Suffolk.

An Act to regulate Waggons within the Township of Schenectady and the Precinct of Orange Town and Haverstraw in the County of Orange.

An Act to prevent Damages by Swine in the County of Ulster, and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for the more equal Taxation of Estates in the County of Orange.

An Act for making two Bridges in the Precincts of Goshen and Cornwall in the County of Orange.

An Act to alter the place of Elections for representatives and the place of meeting of the Supervisors, Judges and Loan Officers on the south side of the mountains in the County of Orange.

An Act to guard against destructive fires, and to provide for a night watch in the town of Kingston in Ulster County.

An Act to raise the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds on the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City and County of Albany for the purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to raise the further sum of five hundred pounds for draining the Drowned Lands in the precinct of Goshen in Orange County.

An Act for erecting the Tract of Land therein mentioned in the County of Tryon into one seperate District by the name of Old England District.

An Act to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck to elect additional District Officers.

An Act to revive An Act entitled An Act to prevent accidents by fire in that part of the Manor of Renssalearwyck therein mentioned.

An Act to oblige the Collectors of the different Districts in the County of Albany to deliver in their accounts upon Oath to the County Treasurer.

An Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale which shall be made and executed in the Counties therein mentioned.

An Act for the better laying out regulating and keeping in repair the Public Roads and Highways in the City and County of Albany, and County of Tryon.

An Act for admitting in Evidence an Ancient Record of the Office of the Town Clerk for the City and County of New York, of an Indenture of release from Jacobus Kip and Henrica his wife to Samuel Verplank and others, and the several Indorsements thereon for certain Lands therein mentioned.

An Act to enable Jesse Hunt to erect and build a Bridge from Applegate Island to the Public Highway on the main Land opposite the said Island.

An Act to enable the persons therein named to build a Free Draw Bridge over the narrows from Minifords Island to Rodmans Neck.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to direct the Speaker of the General Assembly to return to the Assembly Chamber and to adjourn the General Assembly to the third day of May next.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor having left the Council Chamber, and the General Assembly being returned to the Assembly Chamber

The Speaker resumed the Chair

And the Council adjourned to the third day of May next.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., CI., 86.]

BY THE HONORABLE

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands adjourned to the *third* day of *May* Instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue and I do by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *seventh* day of *June* next. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *May* one thousand seven hundred and seventy five in the *fifteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By his Honor's Command

SAM BAYARD Junr *D Secrv.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., CI., 94.]

BY THE HONORABLE

CADWALLADER COLDEN Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in
(L. S.) Chief of the Province of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *seventh* day of *June* Instant I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *fifth* day of *July* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York*, the *third* day of *June* one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, in the *fifteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

CADWALLADER COLDEN.

By his Honor's Command

SAM BAYARD Junr *D Secrv.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., CI, 93.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of *New*
(L. S.) *York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *ninth* day of *August* next, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther prorogue the said General Assembly to the *sixth* day of *September* next. Of which all his Majesty's subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *thirty first* day of *July* one thousand seven hundred and seventy five in the *fifteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith and so forth.

Wm TRYON.

By His Excellency's Command
Sam Bayard Junr *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., CI., 103.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the *sixth* day of *September* Instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *fourth* day of *October* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *fourth* day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and seventy five in the *fifteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

Wm TRYON.

By His Excellency's Command
Sam Bayard Junr *D Sécry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., CI., 105.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York*, and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *fourth* day of *October* next, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *first* day of *November* next Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Fort George* in the City of *New York* the *twenty ninth* day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, in the *fifteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W^M TRYON.

By His Excellency's Command
Sam Bayard Junr *D Sêcry.*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col MSS., CI., 118.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province
(L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *first* day of *November* next I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *sixth* day of *December* next. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms in the City of *New York*, the *thirty first* day of *October* one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, in the *sixteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W^M TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
Sam Bayard Junr *D Sêcr^y*

God save the KING.

[N. Y. Col MSS., CI., 121.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province (L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *sixth* day of *December* Instant, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *first* day of *January* next. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, in the City of *New York* the *first* day of *December* one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, in the *sixteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.

W^M TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
Sam Bayard Junr *D Sêcr^y.*

God save the KING.

[In Executive Council.]

At a Council *held on Board the Ship* Dutchess of Gordon *in the Harbor of the City of* New York *on* Saturday *The* Twenty third *day of* December, 1775.

Present—*His Excellency* William Tryon, Esquire, Captain General, &^c,

Mr Apthorp,
Mr Smith,
Mr Wallace,
Mr Axtell,
Mr Cruger,
Mr Jauncey.

The General Assembly of this Province standing prorogued to the first day of January next his Excellency the Governor was pleased by and with the advice of the Council farther to prorogue them to the first day of February following and a Proclamation was Signed by his Excellency farther proroguing the Said General Assembly Accordingly

His Excellency then observed to the Board that several Members of the present General Assembly are absent from this Country that The continuance of the Assembly (which by Law is Limited to Seven Years) is near Expired and therefore required their Advice and Opinion whether or not it would be most proper now to Dissolve the present General Assembly and Issue writs for a New Election.

The Council humbly beg leave to have time allowed them to consider this matter and with his Excellencys Approbation agree to meet again on Tuesday Next at which Time the Absent Members are to be summoned to give their Attendance on Especial business.

[N. Y. Col. MSS., CI., 124.]

By his Excellency

WILLIAM TRYON Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province (L. S.) of *New York* and the Territories depending thereon in *America*, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands Prorogued to the *first* day of *January* next, I have thought fit for his Majesty's service to Prorogue, and I do by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council farther Prorogue the said General Assembly to the *first* day of *February* next ensuing. Of which all his Majesty's Subjects concerned therein are required to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms in the City of *New York*, the *twenty third* day of *December* one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, in the *sixteenth* year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth.

Wm TRYON.

By his Excellency's Command
Sam Bayard *D Secr*y.

God save the KING.

At a Council *held on Board the Ship* Dutchess of Gordon *in the Harbor of the City of* New York *on* Tuesday *the* Twenty Sixth *day of* December, 1775.

Present—*His Excellency* William Tryon, Esquire, Captain General, &c,

Mr De Lancey,
Mr Apthorp,
Mr Smith,
Mr Wallace,
Mr Axtell,
Mr Jauncey,
Mr Cruger.

The Minute of the last Council wherein his Excellency required the Opinion of this Board on the Expediency of immediately dissolving the General Assembly of this Province and issuing Writs for a New Election being Read and duly considered. And the Question being put Whether the present General Assembly be now dissolved Mr Apthorp Mr Smith Mr Wallace Mr Axtell & Mr Jauncey were for the Affirmative And Mr De Lancey & Mr Cruger for the Negative. And on the Question whether Writs for a new Election be immediately Issued or postponed Mr Apthorp Mr Smith Mr Wallace Mr Axtell Mr Cruger & Mr Jauncey were of Opinion that Writs for a New Election be immediately issued and Mr De Lancey that that Measure be postponed.

And this Board doth accordingly Humbly Advise his Excellency the Governor immediately to Dissolve the General Assembly of this Province and forthwith to issue Writs for a New Election. His Excellency was pleased to inform the Council that he had acquainted Mr Chief Justice with the Question upon which he had required their Advice and that he had by Letter to his Excelly given it as his Opinion that it would be inexpedient at this Time to Dissolve the General Assembly.

At a Council *held on Board the ship* Dutchess of Gordon *in the Harbor of the City of* New York *on* Monday *the* Twenty Ninth *day of* January, 1776.

PRESENT — *His Excellency* WILLIAM TRYON, Esquire, Captain General, &c, &c,

Mr APTHORP,
Mr SMITH,
Mr WALTON,
Mr AXTELL,
Mr CRUGER.

His Excellency acquainted the Council That having nothing at present to lay before the General Assembly he required their advice and opinion whether or not it would be proper to prorogue them to a future time.

The Council having maturely considered his Excellency's Question humbly advise that his Excellency do Issue a Writ patent under the Great Seal of this Province on the Day whereon the Writs are returnable thereby Proroguing the General Assembly to Thursday the Fourteenth day of March next.

And a Writ patent was ordered by his Excellency to be prepared accordingly.

At a Council *held on Board the Ship* Dutchess of Gordon *in the Harbor of the City of* New York *on* Wednesday *the* Fourteenth *day of* February, 1776.

PRESENT — *His Excellency* WILLIAM TRYON, Esquire, Captain General, &c,

Mr APTHORP,
Mr SMITH,
Mr AXTELL,
Mr CRUGER,
Mr JAUNCEY.

The Writ Patent proroguing the General Assembly to the fourteenth day of March next which was prepared agreeable to the Order of this Board of the 29th day of January last was by his Excellency laid before the Board and being read and approved of was Signed by his Excellency and

Ordered to pass the Great Seal of this Province.

At a Council *held on Board the Ship* Dutchess of Gordon *in the Harbor of the City of* New York *on* Monday *the* Eleventh *day of* March, 1776.

PRESENT — *His Excellency* WILLIAM TRYON, Esquire, Captain General, &c, &c,

Mr DE LANCEY,
Mr APTHORP,
Mr SMITH,
Mr WALLACE,
Mr AXTELL,
Mr CRUGER.

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Notifying the Assembly that they had assented to certain bills, 6.

Requesting a conference to arrange a method for drawing up bills and stating that they had appointed a committee for that purpose, 7.

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Inquiring what the Assembly will contribute towards rebuilding the king's chapel, 65.

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Communicating copy of a memorial of the receiver-general in regard to quit-rents, 1167.
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Communicating a letter from sir Thomas Robinson, and urging activity at this juncture, 1172.
Announcing the commencement of hostilities and calling on the Legislature to provide for the public defense, 1182.
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Announcing the arrival of general Braddock and calling for further aid, 1189.
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Urging the furnishing of the quota of men allotted to the colony, 1247.
Informing the Council of aggressions committed in Ulster county, 1250.
Communicating resolves of Massachusetts to raise men for an attempt on Crown Point, 1251.
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Announcing a declaration of war with Spain, and calling for additional levies, 1474.
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Recommending that provision be made for defraying the expense attending prosecutions at the suit of the crown, 1488.
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Announcing the passing of laws for defraying the expense accruing in the final settlement of the New York and New Jersey boundary and urging a like provision to ascertain the New York and Massachusetts line, 1543.
Informing the board that great dissatisfaction prevails among the Mohawk nation on account of the Kayaderosseras patent, and recommending vacating the same, also communicating the papers in the case, 1549.
Transmitting copy of the act of Parliament for quartering the king's troops, and the commander-in-chief's requisition accordingly, 1568.

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Albany Reinforcement and Security Bill:

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300 *Volunteers Paying Bill:*

Brought up and read, 36; Conference requested, 36; Passed, 37; Enacted, 39.

Albany Reinforcement Bill:

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Officers and Soldiers Paying Bill:

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Barracks Furnishing Bill:

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Desertion Prevention Bill:

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Desertion Prevention Bill:

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Desertion Prevention Bill:

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Fusileers Paying Bill:

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150 *Fusileers Raising and Paying Bill:*

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Fusileers Maintenance Bill:

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Fusileers Payment Bill:

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Suffolk County Forces Paying Bill:

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Again brought up and read, 336; Committed, 337; Passed, and Assembly acquainted, 339; Enacted, 342.

Fusileers Tax Arrears Paying Bill:

Brought up and read, 349; Committed, 350; Passed, and Assembly acquainted, 350; Enacted, 353.

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Volunteers Victualing Bill:

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Troops ordered to be raised in the colonies for Canada expedition, 927.

Volunteers Encouragement Bill:

Brought up and read, 935; Committed, 936; Passed, and Assembly acquainted, 937; Enacted, 943.

Albany Detachment Bill:

Brought up, read and committed, 939; Amended, and sent for concurrence to the Assembly, 940; Agreed to by that House, 942; The amendments, 942; Enacted, 943.

Troops Victualing Bill:

Brought up and read, 956; Committed and passed, 957; Enacted, 959.

Troops Further Provisioning Bill:

Brought up and read, 967; Committed, 968; Passed, and Assembly acquainted, 969; Enacted, 970.

Eight Companies Victualing Bill:

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Northern Forces Payment Bill:

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Companies sent from New York to Virginia, 1147.

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Crown Point Army Reïnforcement Bill:

Brought up and read, 1209; Committed, 1210.

Connecticut Troops Payment Bill: Enacted, 1219.

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A like number again authorized to be raised, 1368.

A like number voted for the reduction of Montreal, 1398.

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173 volunteers voted for the protection of the frontiers, 1446.

1,787 men voted for securing his Majesty's conquests in North America, 1472.

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773 men voted for the war against the western Indians, &c., 1523.

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Troops Furnishing and captain Martin's Losses Paying Bill:

Brought up and read, 1618; Committed, 1619; Passed, 1619; Enacted, 1620.

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Militia Settlement Bill:

Brought up, amended, and enacted, 6.

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Militia Better Settlement and Former Acts Repeal Bill:

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Militia Better Settling and Rendering More Useful and Former Acts Repeal Bill:

Brought up, read and committed, 184; Passed, and enacted, 185; Recommended for further consideration, 189; Expired, 225.

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Militia Fine Recovery Bill:

Brought up, read and committed, 194; Report, 197; Passed, and Assembly acquainted, 198; Enacted, 204. See KINGS; QUEENS.

Militia Acts Revival Bill:

Presented by attorney-general, read and committed, 227; Amended, 228; Passed, and sent for concurrence to the Assembly, 229.

Militia Settling Bill:

Brought up, read and committed, 229; Amended, and sent for concurrence to the Assembly, 232; Disagreed to by that House, 233.

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Militia Settlement and Former Acts Repeal Bill:

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Militia Bill:

The attorney-general ordered to prepare and bring in, 467; Presented and read, 469; Committed, 470; Reported and ordered engrossed, 470; Passed, and sent for concurrence to the Assembly, 472; Amended by that House, 474; Amendments adopted and Assembly acquainted, 475; Enacted, 476.

Militia Act Continuation Bill:

Ordered to be brought in, 509; Presented by Mr. Harrison, read and committed, 510; Amended, passed and sent for concurrence to the Assembly, 511; Amended by that House, 516; Amendments agreed to, 516; Enacted, 517.

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Militia Act Revival and Enforcement Bill:

Brought up and read, 564; Committed, 565; Passed, 566; Enacted, 571.

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Militia Regulation Bill:

Brought up, 733; Read and committed, 734; Passed, and enacted, 735.

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Militia Better Regulation Bill:

Brought up and read, 825; Committed, 826; Amended, 832; Passed, and sent for concurrence to the Assembly, 833; Amendments, 833; Some of them disagreed to, 834; Council adhere and committee of conference appointed, 834; Reasons why the Assembly cannot agree, 834; Reasons why the Council adhere, 835; Reasons not satisfactory and a free conference held, 836; Council insist, 836; Amendments agreed to by the Assembly, 837; Enacted, 837.

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Militia Better Regulation Bill:

Brought up, 856; Read, 857; Committed, 860; Report, 862; Amended, and sent for concurrence to the Assembly, 864; Four of the amendments disagreed to by that House, 865; Resolutions of the Council thereon, 865; Recede from all but two amendments, 866; Which are agreed to by the Assembly, 866; Enacted, 874.
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Militia Regulating Bill:

Brought up and read, 906; Committed, 907; Amended, and sent for concurrence to the Assembly, 910; Agreed to by that House, 912; Amendments, 912, 913, 914; Enacted, 917.
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Militia Act Continuation Bill:

Brought up and read, 1030; Committed, 1031.

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Militia Regulation Act Revival Bill:

Leave granted to bring in, 1113; Presented by Mr. Holland, and read, 1113; Committed, 1114; Passed, and sent for concurrence to the Assembly, 1115.
Again presented and read, 1135; Committed, 1135; Amended, 1136; Passed, and sent for concurrence to the Assembly, 1137; Agreed to by that House, 1144; Enacted, 1145; The Lieutenant-Governor recommends that it be made more effectual, 1183.

Militia Regulation Bill:

Ordered to be prepared, 1183; Presented by Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Chambers, and read, 1183; Committed, 1184; Progress reported, 1185; Amended, 1186; Passed, and sent for concurrence to the Assembly, 1187; Agreed to by that House, 1187; Enacted, 1137.
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Amended, 1298.

Militia Detachments Bill:

Brought up, read and committed, 1229; Passed, and Assembly acquainted, 1230; Enacted, 1230.

The militia desert general Webb at Fort Edward, 1304.

Militia Acts Continuation Bill: Enacted, 1502, 1524.

Militia Better Regulation Bill:

Brought up and read, 1929; Committed, amended, and sent for concurrence to the Assembly, 1930; One of the amendments disagreed to by that House, 1932; Motion for a conference negatived, Mr. Smith dissenting, 1932; Council adhere, 1936.

Militia Better Regulation Bill:

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The 19th Assembly having been dissolved on the 25th November, 1727, Writs were issued on the 12th February following, for choosing a new one, returnable 25th March. Representatives were elected accordingly, but on the 22d of March, the General Assembly was, by proclamation, prorogued until the 8th of April, 1728.

All the members elect, except two, appearing at New York on the 25th March aforesaid, found the Assembly prorogued, the Governor declaring he intended to continue the prorogations until his successor arrived, whereupon the said members returned to their respective habitations.

On the 6th April, the General Assembly was, by another proclamation, further prorogued until Monday, the 22d of the same month.

Governor Montgomerie, having arrived at New York on the 15th April, the Assembly was again dissolved on the 20th of the same month, without having ever met.

These facts are set forth in the Journal of the General Assembly, I, 573. As the Legislative Council, however, did not meet or hold a session, the case is not recorded or mentioned in this Journal, and notice of the matter has been omitted on page 563, as it was thought best to print the Minutes strictly according to the record.

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